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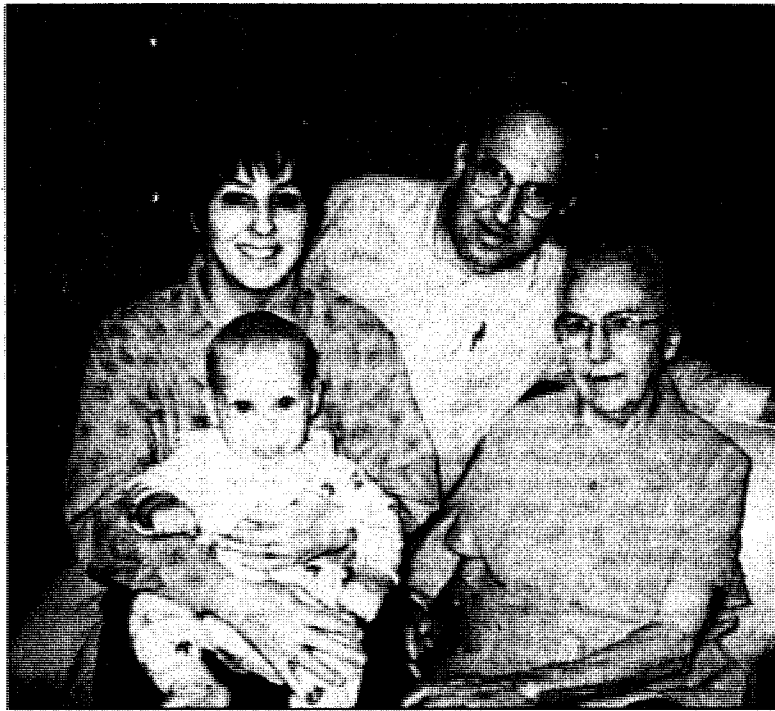
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# Generations gather



Cody Anthony Lessard is the youngest member of this four-generation group, which includes, from the left, his mother, Tina Marie Lessard of Lewiston; his grandfather, Maurice Beaudette of Sabattus; and his great-grandmother, Rita Beaudette, also of Lewiston.



In this four-generation group, Cody Myles Chouinard is being held by his great-grandmother, Carmen Chouinard of 98 Blake St., Lewiston. His grandfather, Louis P. Chouinard of Newburg, N.Y., is at the left and his father, Kenneth Chouinard of Portsmouth, Va., is at the right.



### Multitude of relatives

Kristie-Mae Lacombe, daughter of Janet and Ernest Lacombe of 45 Rachel Blvd., Lewiston, is the youngest member of five four-generation groups, which include many grandparents. In the top photo Kristie-Mae is being held by her great-grandmother, Frances Madison of Nashua, N.H. Her mother, Janet Lacombe, stands at the left and her grandmother, Winona Landry of Lewiston, stands at the right. In the photo below she is held by her grandfather, Ernest Ouellette of Auburn, with her dad, Ernie Lacombe, at the left and her great-grandmother, Anna Ouellette of Lisbon, at the right. Other grandparents are Claudette and Robert Lacombe of Westbrook and Lucille Ouellette of Auburn. Other great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lavoie of Sabattus, Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Lacombe of Lewiston, Carmel Theberge and Normand Theberge, both of Lewiston.





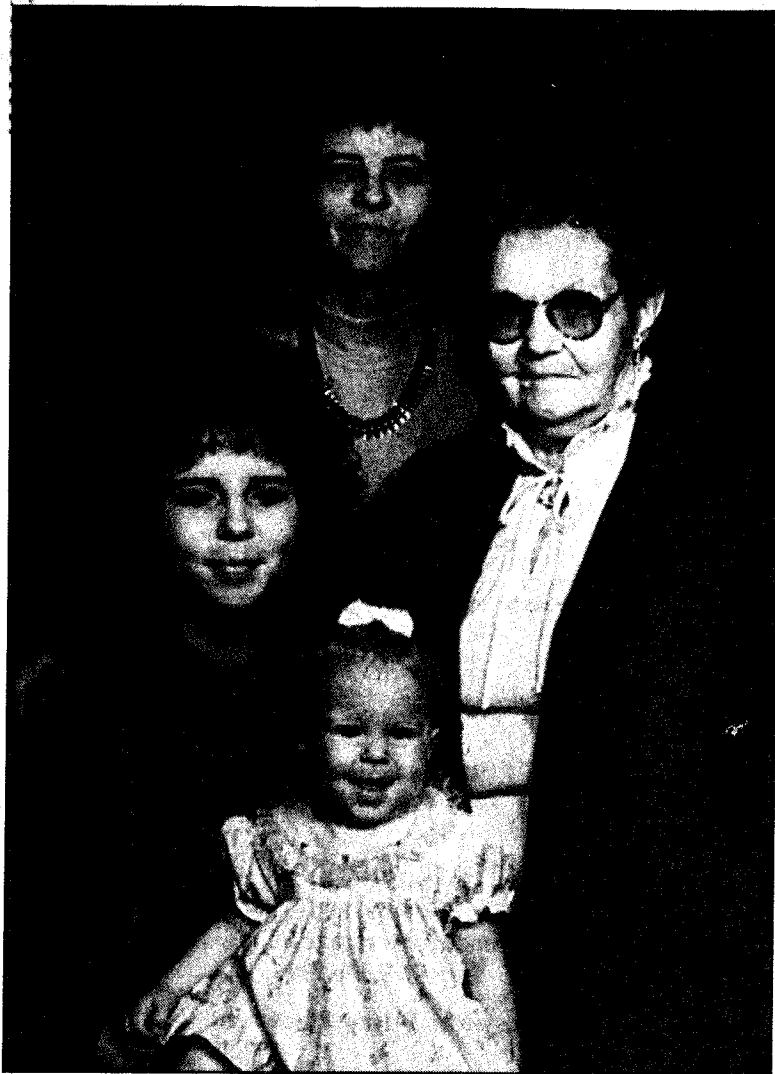
#### **Four generations**

Katherine-Anne Shaw Desjardins, who was born July 31, visited Maine for the first time to join in the celebration of the silver wedding anniversary of her grandparents, Robert and Anita Nolin Desjardins, standing in center, of 82 Randall Road, Lewiston. She is the youngest in this four-generation group, which includes her great-grandparents, Edna and Ralph Nolin, also of 82 Randall Road, seated; and, standing at left, her mother, Heather Shaw Desjardins, and at right, her father, Andrew Desjardins. The baby and her parents live in Windsor, Conn.



#### **Four generations**

In this four-generation photo, great-grandmother Lillian Dupere of Lewiston is holding tiny Mallory Ann Stillson, at the left. Her grandmother, Lucille Goudreau of Lewiston is seated in the center and her mother, Lisa Stillson of Greene is at the right.



### Four generations

The center of attention in this four-generation group is one-year-old Desiree Ann Ducharme, being held by her mother, Veronica Ann Ducharme of Auburn. Her grandmother, Martine Cloutier of Lewiston is in the center and her great-grandmother, Rose Blier of Greene is at right. Desiree's dad, Derrick Ducharme recently joined the U.S. Air Force and on Aug. 5 graduated from boot camp at Lackland Air Force



### Four generations

Baby Valene Sue St. Onge, who is 1 year old, is the center of attention in this four-generation group which includes, from left, her grandmother, Shirley Giguere of Pownal Road, Auburn; her great-grandmother, Florence Parise of Sabattus Street, Lewiston; and her mother, Debra St. Onge of 20 Taft Ave., Auburn.





### Four generations

Renee Meservier, 5, and her little sister, Nicole, 1, are photographed with their father, Michael Meservier, left; their great-grandfather, Alphonse Meservier of Saugus, Calif., center; and their grandfather, Paul Meservier of 23 Mitchell St., Lewiston. The girls are the daughters of Michael and Sue Meservier of 5 Biron Ave., Lewiston. Great-grandfather Alphonse and Grandfather Paul also head two other four-generation groups in the family that include Patrick and Michelle Meservier and children, Katrina and Tanner of 51 Joffre St., Auburn; and Timmy and Sue Meservier and daughter Bethany of Poland.

## -Five generations-



Two-month-old Amanda Lynn Fenderson, being held by her mother, Diane Delorme Fenderson of Lewiston, center, is the fifth generation in this family group. From left are her great-great grandmother, Elna Lacasse, 91, of Auburn, seated; her grandmother, Gloria Lacasse Delorme of Lewiston, standing; and her great-grandfather, Fernand Lacasse of Liberty, seated.



### Five generations

Chelsea Labrie, who was 1 year old on July 8, is the center of attention in this five-generation group that includes, from left, seated, her great-great-grandmother Alice Madore of Lewiston and her great-grandmother, Ida Dumond of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and, standing, her grandmother, Carline Labrie, and her mother, Charlotte Labrie, both of New Britain, Conn.



Lena Leclair of Lewiston is holding her great-great-grandson, Tyler Noddin, in this five-generation group which includes, from left, his great-grandmother, Bernadette Quinn of Lewiston; his grandmother, Mildred Noddin of Auburn; and his father, William Noddin of Lewiston, who is holding Tyler's sister, Alicia.





#### Four generations

Tiny Joshua Pare, two months old, is being held by his father, Timothy Pare of Tall Pines, Lewiston, in this four generation group, which includes his great-grandmother, Estelle Ruel of 20 Great Falls Plaza, Auburn, at the left, and his grandfather, Raymond Pare of 66½ Riverside St., Lewiston, at right.



#### Planning appreciation night

Lewiston Elks Lodge members Robert Gauvin, Walter Cyr, Maurice Mailloux, Exalted Ruler; Robert Valentine and Norm Bourgoin comprise the planning committee for Firefighters Appreciation Night, which will be held Oct. 12 at the Multi Purpose Center. The event will honor all firefighters in Androscoggin County. Any fire department interested in taking part is asked to contact Maurice Mailloux, 783-0112.



### Sharing Christmas joy

Students from St. Peter's School, Lewiston, shared the joys of the Christmas holiday with the elderly residents of d'Youville Pavilion. Among those taking cards, which they had made, and small gifts to the shut-ins were, from left, Steve LaBonte, Robert Gauthier, Brian Poulin, Courtney Dostie and Jada Caron.

## Golden anniversary is celebrated

LEWISTON — Nearly 200 friends and relatives gathered recently at the Knights of Columbus hall to honor Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Maheux of 11 Garcelon St., Lewiston, on their golden wedding anniversary.

Their sons and daughters, and their spouses, were hosts and hostesses. They are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maheux, Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Pauline) L'Italien, Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Doris) Cote, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Maheux and Mr. and Mrs. Leo (Jackie) Bergeron, all of Lewiston and Auburn, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maheux of Jay.

Several grandchildren made the presentation of gifts, which included a dozen red roses arranged with a large gold bow, presented by Ann-Marie Maheux; a gold plaque by Diane Cote; a dish and bell set by Donny Maheux; a box containing cards of congratulations by Tina Maheux; and a money tree by Kim Bergeron.

The oldest son, Henry, served as toastmaster and a godchild, Rita Morin, supervised the guest book. A gold and white anniversary cake, made by Sharon Morin, was served after the buffet dinner.

Maheux and the former Lucienne Cloutier were married Sept. 27, 1941, in Sabattus. She is currently employed as a stitcher by DVE



**Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Maheux**

Manufacturing and enjoys knitting, sewing and crocheting. He retired from Gerard Construction and keeps busy with his woodworking hobbies. They are members of Holy Family Church and she belongs to the Ladies of St. Anne Sodality.

In addition to their six children, they have 22 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A grandson, Shawn Maheux, died last July 28.



**Mr. and Mrs. Rene Morin**

## Morins given reception on 60th

**LEWISTON** — Mr. and Mrs. Rene Morin of 70 Blake St. Towers, Lewiston, were the guests of honor at a reception held in the Towers community room recently to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

Their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morin of Lewiston, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Morin of Auburn and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Morin of Chicopee, Mass., were hosts and hostesses.

Morin and the former Ella Fontaine were married Nov. 10, 1931, at

Holy Family Church, Lewiston. He retired from his job at the Lewiston Public Works Department several years ago due to ill health.

In addition to their three sons, they have 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, all present for the occasion, along with several of the couple's brothers and sisters, Jeannette Thibodeau, Albert Fontaine, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Giasson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Belanger, Doris Letourneau and Jeannette Dufault.

## Party marks golden anniversary

**AUBURN** — The golden wedding anniversary of Albert and Germaine Tardif of 624 Sabattus St., Lewiston, was celebrated at a party given recently in their honor at the American Legion Hall on Washington Street.

Their five children, Rita Morin of Hudson, N.H.; Clarence Tardif of Tallahassee, Fla.; Joan Boutin of Jeffersonton, Va.; and Vernon Tardif and Nelson Tardif, both of Lewiston, supervised the party arrangements. Clarence was toastmaster and a granddaughter, Linda Tardif, was guest book hostess.

The couple renewed their marriage vows in a ceremony at Holy Cross chapel, at which the Rev. Roland Lajoie, godchild of the guests of honor, officiated.

Tardif and the former Germaine Lajoie were married Sept. 1, 1941, in Van Buren. In addition to their five children, they have 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

They are members of Holy Family Parish, where she is a Eucharistic minister and a member of the



**Albert and Germaine Tardif**

Ladies of St. Anne Sodality. Prior to his retirement about 10 years ago, he was employed in the construction business.

Guests were present from Connecticut, Indiana, Florida and Virginia.

## Golden anniversary is celebrated

LEWISTON — Friends and relatives gathered recently at the home of Maurice and Annette Dubuc, 34 Olive St., Lewiston, to honor Leo and Bernice Bussiere of Westbrook on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Bussiere and the former Bernice Dion were married Sept. 1, 1941, in the chapel at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Lewiston and resided in this community most of their married lives, moving to Portland and later to Westbrook.

He worked for the First National Store for 44 years, until his retirement 10 years ago. She was employed as a cashier by the First National Store and at Reid and Hughes in Lewiston.

Hosts and hostesses at the party were their son, Donald Bussiere, who also led the toast; their daughter-in-law, Arlene Bussiere; Yvonne Hebert, Annette Dubuc and Richard Bussiere, sisters and a brother.

The focal point of the decorations was a collage of pictures taken over



**Leo and Bernice Bussiere**

the past 50 years. Among their many cards of congratulations was one from President and Mrs. George Bush.

In addition to their son, the Bussieres have two grandchildren, David and Lisa.

Guests attended the party from Turner, Auburn, Portland and Windham.

## Couple given oil painting of home

LEWISTON — Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Bussiere of 35 Laud St., Lewiston, were honored recently at a reception that marked their 50th wedding anniversary.

The event was arranged by their five children, Maurice Bussiere of Auburn; Aline Nadeau of Lewiston; Irene Harrison of West St. Paul, Minn.; Diane Pratt of Lewiston and Susan Cote, who, along with her husband Richard, were hostess and host of the festivities at their Bennett Avenue home in Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bussiere were married at Angel Guardian Church in Berlin, N.H., on August 30, 1941, and have resided in Lewiston since then.

About 60 relatives and friends attended, some from Exeter, Winthrop and Berlin, N.H.

A catered buffet was served under a canopy by the pool. A three-tiered cake, appropriately decorated for the occasion, was created by granddaughter, Michelle Bussiere. Also present were seven



**Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Bussiere**

grandchildren and four great-great grandsons.

An oil painting of the Bussiere home on Laud Street, commissioned by the Bussiere children and painted by Auburn artist Archie Travers, was presented to the honored couple, who received many other gifts, cards and flowers.



## Golden anniversary is celebrated

AUBURN — Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Roy of 14 Gosnold St., Auburn, were honored recently on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple renewed their marriage vows in a ceremony performed by the Rev. Leopold Nicknair at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Lewiston, where they were married on Aug. 30, 1941.

A reception followed at the New Auburn Social Club and was attended by more than 200 friends and relatives.

The event was organized by their children and spouses, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Roy of Auburn; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cline of Gilbert, W. Va; and Mr. and Mrs. Marc Roy of Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy are both retired and are very active in the Knights of Columbus organization.



Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Roy

## Gaumonts honored at dinner party

LEWISTON — The 50th wedding anniversary of Noel and Alphena Gaumont of 339 Pleasant St., Lewiston, was observed recently with a family dinner party held at Sedgley's in Greene.

Hosts and hostesses of the party, which was arranged as a surprise, were the couple's children and their spouses, Valens and Jeanne St. Pierre of Auburn; Donald and Diane Brousseau of Lewiston; Raymond and Irene Nadeau of Greene; and Roland and Joline Gaumont of Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaumont were presented with a corsage of red roses and a carnation boutonniere, as well as a 50th anniversary cake. Their son, Roland, was toastmaster for the occasion.

Gaumont and the former Alphena Roy were married Oct. 11, 1941, at St. Mary's Church, Lewiston. She



Alphena and Noel Gaumont

was employed for 30 years by Lown Shoe and retired from Dori Shoe; he is retired from Knapp Shoe. Both are members of Holy Cross Parish.

The couple has six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

## Auburn couple have open house

LEWISTON — Vic and Rita Marquis of 41 Heath Lane, Auburn, were the guests of honor at a party and open house held in observance of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Their children and their spouses were hosts and hostesses of the surprise party, which was held at their daughter Diane Barriault's home on Orange Street Extension, Lewiston.

Decorations included blue and white balloons and paper streamers, as well as a decorated anniversary cake. The couple were presented a color television set, money, flowers and plants. Their son, Richard Marquis, served as toastmaster and Claire Marquis was the guestbook hostess.

Marquis and the former Rita Larochelle were married Nov. 5, 1946, at St. Louis Church in Auburn. They are the parents of four children, Richard Marquis, Diane Barriault, Russell Marquis and Robert Marquis.

For 15 years, she was employed as a supply technician by Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, and he was employed by H.P. Hood, Auburn, for 21 years and at Tambrands Inc., Auburn, for 12 years. They are parishioners of Sacred Heart Church, Auburn, and are members of the Robin Dow Senior



**Vic and Rita Marquis**

Citizens, Auburn Seniors and the Golden Age Sacred Heart Club.

In addition to their four children, they have nine grandchildren, Lori Marquis, Amy Barriault, Sara Marquis, Jennifer Marquis, Care Marquis, Glen Marquis, Adam Marquis, Audrey Barriault and Philip Marquis.

## Lakeside celebration marks 45th

MONMOUTH — The 45th wedding anniversary of Lionel and Elvena Biron, former residents of 99 Charles St., Lewiston, was celebrated at a surprise party given recently in their honor at their summer home at Lake Cobbosseecontee.

Their six sons, Gerard, Paul, Tom, Lionel, Mike and John, were hosts with the assistance of their daughters-in-law, Pauline, Diane, Sue and Michelle. The guests of honor received a special mirror, appropriately engraved, from the children.

The day was spent informally with outdoor activities and a buffet lunch was served.

Biron and the former Elvena Caron were married June 29, 1946, at Holy Cross Church with Monsignor Felix Martin officiating. She was employed for several years by the American Red Cross and, at the time of her retirement, worked for the Roux Insurance Agency. He was employed by the Lewiston Public Works Department for many years and, at the time of his retirement, worked at Bath Iron Works. They were active members of



**Lionel and Elvena Biron**

Holy Cross Parish, where she was a member and past president of the Ladies of St. Anne Sodality. He was involved in the Police Athletic League and the Holy Cross playground winter and summer programs. They now spend the winter months in Ocala, Fla.

In addition to their six sons, there are 15 grandchildren, many of whom were present for the anniversary celebration.

## Doucettes honored at dinner party

AUBURN — Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Doucette of 5 Forest St., Lewiston, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at a surprise party held recently at No Tomatoes Restaurant.

Their children and spouses, Mr. and Mrs. Steven (Denise) Fontaine, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Doucette, Mr. and Mrs. John Doucette and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doucette were hosts and hostesses. All four children gave tributes to their parents and their daughter, Denise, supervised the guest book.

The couple renewed their wedding vows in a ceremony conducted the Rev. James Donovan. The original wedding attendants, Clarence and Anita Fortier, again served as their witnesses.

The anniversary cake was decorated with red and white silk flowers arranged by their son-in-law, Steven Fontaine. The couple received flowers, gifts and many cards.

Doucette and the former Rita Carrier were married at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Lewiston on June 11, 1951, and are still members of that parish. She is employed by Tri-County Mental Health,



**Rita and Lucien Doucette**

where she has worked for 20 years. He is employed as a field representative for the Maine State Lottery, a position he has held for 19 years. In addition to their four children, they have 10 grandchildren.

During the festivities, the couple received a surprise phone call from a brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Doucette of Minnesota.

## Michels honored at dinner party

LEWISTON — Emile and Laura Michel of 624 Washington St., Auburn, were greeted by 45 guests at a dinner party held at Tibie's Restaurant on Lisbon Street, given in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary. A brother, Bert Michel, was the party host and master of ceremonies.

A son, Ronald, gave a toast to his parents and another son, Dan, said grace. The wedding attendants of 45 years ago, Carmen Beaulieu, Emile Picard and Leo Binette, were among those attending.

The couple have five sons. Attending with their wives were Ronald and Bonnie Michel of Auburn; Roger and Caroline Michel of Prince George, Va.; Daniel and Gwendolyn Michel of Lisbon Falls; and David and Lana Michel of Poland. Unable to attend were Raymond and Sonia Michel of Prince George, Va.

There are 10 grandchildren, Brenda, Laurie, Eric, Jason, Karen, Christopher, Elizabeth, Jennifer, Matthew and Kelli. Mrs. Michel was presented a pink carnation representing each of the girls and a blue carnation for the boys, with their names on ribbon streamers, plus a white carnation representing a new grandchild expected in the near future.



**Emile and Laura Michel**

Michel and the former Laura Binette were married Oct. 12, 1946, at Sacred Heart Church in Auburn. Prior to their retirement, he was employed in the local shoe industry and she worked for General Electric. She is a member of G.E.D.R.A., for General Electric retirees, and is a volunteer for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She is very interested in crafts and makes many things, including quilts. He enjoys gardening.

After dinner, the party continued at the home of Bert Michel at 205 East Ave., Lewiston.

## Michauds celebrate 40 years

LEWISTON — Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Michaud of 81 East Ave., Lewiston, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary recently when they were guests of honor at a dinner party held at the Peppermill Restaurant, Auburn.

The party was arranged as a surprise by their children and their spouses, Dennis and Irene Michaud, Eileen Michaud, James Michaud and Duane and Judith Casey.

A three-tiered white cake topped with red and white bells, traditional for the 40th anniversary, was set on the buffet table, along with a centerpiece of red and white flowers and vases of red and white carnations.

Paul Belisle, who was best man at their wedding, was toastmaster and a granddaughter Rachel Michaud was guest book hostess.

Michaud and the former Jeannine Belisle were married Oct. 6, 1951, at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Lewiston. She has been a homemaker and he is employed by Bath Iron Works in the electronic calibration lab. Both are members of St. Joseph's Church, Lewiston.

The couple have six grandchil-



Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Michaud

dren, Rachel and Thomas Michaud and Bret, Stephen, Jeffrey and Daniel Casey.

Guests attended from Dracut, Tyngsboro and Townsend, all in Massachusetts; Milford, Conn.; and Shapleigh, Skowhegan, Bath, Greene, Turner, Auburn and Lewiston.

## Normands are guests of honor

LEWISTON — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Normand of 36 Sylvan Ave., Lewiston, were the guests of honor at a party given recently at Marco's Restaurant on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Their daughters, Nancy Gordon, Kathy Turner and Connie Doucette, made the party arrangements with the assistance of members of their families. A son-in-law, Paul Doucette, was toastmaster. The grandchildren presented the guests of honor with a corsage and boutonniere.

Normand and the former Bertha Goodwin were married Sept. 15, 1951, at St. Patrick's Chapel in Lewiston. She was employed by the Auburn Water and Sewage Department and he was the owner of his own business, Charlie's Appliance, prior to 1988, when they both retired. In addition to their three children, they have seven grandchildren.



Bertha and Charles Normand



## Dions observe 40th anniversary

AUBURN — Henry and Louise Dion of 176 Third St., Auburn, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at a party given recently by their daughters, Linda M. Cyr and Monique S. Field, at the Village Inn Restaurant.

Decorations were in ruby red and, as a special gift, the guests of honor received a professionally done, framed photograph of their daughters.

Dion and the former Louise Chouinard of St. Paula, Canada, were married Sept. 8, 1951, at St. Louis Church in Auburn. They are still members of St. Louis Church, where she is a eucharistic minister and member of the Ladies of St. Anne Sodality. He was employed as a machinist for General Electric prior to his retirement.

In addition to their two daughters, they have one grandchild, Me-



**Louise and Henry Dion**

lissa Cyr, and another is expected to arrive in February.

## Lewiston couple celebrate 40th

LEWISTON — Ralph and Jeannette Beaudoin of Mount Hope Ave., Lewiston, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary recently at a party held at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Scott Reed of 28 Pearl St.

Red streamers and balloons, along with a picture display, provided the theme for the buffet, which was planned as a surprise. The couple received a 40th anniversary plate made by her sister, Pauline Coolidge, and a bouquet of red roses and carnations.

Beaudoin and the former Jeannette Desrosiers were married Nov. 22, 1951, at St. Mary's Church, Lewiston. She is employed by Tambrands Inc., Auburn, and enjoys bowling. Before his retirement, he worked at Falcon Shoe Co. and Gould and Scammon Inc.

They have five children, Janice White and Roger Beaudoin of Bangor, Joline Beaudoin of San-



**Jeannette and Ralph Beaudoin**

ford, and Ronald Beaudoin and Judy Reed of Lewiston, and five grandchildren.

About 55 relatives and friends attended the celebration.

## Couple celebrate 40th with trip

LEWISTON — Helen and Lewis Incze recently observed their 40th wedding anniversary with a trip to England, Ireland and Scotland.

Prior to leaving, they were honored at a small family dinner party given by her sister Irene Gastonguay and her uncle Henry Marcotte.

Lewis Incze and Helen Gastonguay were married Sept. 8, 1951, at Saints Peter and Paul Church. They have four children — Lewis of Cumberland, Daniel of Augusta, Michael of Middletown, R.I., and Bruce of Gales Ferry, Conn. They have eight grandchildren.

She is a registered nurse and until 1988 was an instructor at St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing. Currently she is with the substance abuse unit at St. Mary's. She is a parishioner of Holy Family Church.

A native of Parajd, Hungary, he



**Helen and Lewis Incze**

founded the School of Radiology at St. Mary's Hospital and was its director for 30 years. Now retired, he is a writer for American and Hungarian publications.

## Carons escorted by limousine

LEWISTON — Leo and Barbara Caron were the guests of honor recently at a party at the Sons of Italy Hall on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary.

The Carons were picked up at their 2895 Pine Woods Road home and taken by limousine to the celebration, which was arranged as a surprise by their children. Decorations were in lavender, white and yellow, the same theme as their wedding. The three-tiered anniversary cake, made by Doreen Walters, had the same colors. A special song, "Through the Years," by Kenny Rogers was dedicated to the couple from their children.

The festivities were videotaped by Steve Stuart. Among those present was her sister, Susan Leeman, who was their flower girl. Another sister, Diane Prock of Oklahoma, was unable to attend. During the evening the couple were presented with a money tree. Richard Caron, who served as best man at their wedding, was the toastmaster.

Caron and the former Barbara Pinette were married in 1956 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Lewiston. They have four children,



**Leo and Barbara Caron**

Lisa Caron, Heidi-Sue Stuart, Bonnie-Jo Allen and Scott Caron, and five grandchildren.

She is a licensed practical nurse and is employed by St. Mary's Hospital. She is also active in church affairs. He is employed by Androscoggin Die Co., Auburn, and is a member of Ashlar Lodge of Auburn and Kora Temple of Lewiston.

Guests attended from Lewiston, Lisbon, Auburn, Kittery, Portland, South Portland, Monmouth, Augusta and Litchfield; and Florida.

## Couple honored at surprise party

LEWISTON — A surprise party was held recently at the Knights of Columbus hall to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Gervais of 162 North Temple St., Lewiston.

The party was given by their daughter, Tina, and son, Clement Jr., who were assisted by Fern Masselli, Lori Drew, Michelle Poulin and Valerie Parker.

Gervais and the former Barbara J. Donohue were married Aug. 27, 1966, at St. Joseph's Church in Lewiston. He is employed as a general carpenter foreman by Consolidated Constructors and Builders of Portland and she is employed by Androscoggin Home Health Services as a nursing supervisor of the maternal, child health/pediatric team.

She is active in several community activities, including the Mayor's Task Force for Drug Affected Infants, Breast Feeding Task Force of Maine and the Maine Children's Coalition.

The couple have five children, Clement Jr., Tina, Randy, Amber and Brandon, all of Lewiston. Other family members present were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gervais; her father and stepmother, Guy and Pat Donohue; her mother,



**Clement and Barbara Gervais**

Gloria Donohue; sisters and brothers-in-law, Larry and Carol Proteau and Cliff and Judy Dupile; and a stepsister, Kathleen Donohue. Other friends and relatives attended from Lisbon, Durham, Lisbon Falls, Lewiston and Connecticut.

As part of the anniversary celebration, Mr. and Mrs. Gervais went on a Caribbean cruise to the Virgin Islands and the Bahamas.

## Couple honored at surprise fete

AUBURN — More than 200 friends and relatives gathered July 7 at the East Auburn Community Unit to honor Paul and Elaine Dumont of Lewiston, who were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. The couple received many flowers, gifts and congratulatory messages.

The surprise party was arranged by their children, Rhonda and Scott of Cranston, R.I. Decorations were in blue and white, the same colors the Dumonts had chosen for their wedding 25 years ago.

Among the guests were their attendants, Donna Grooves of Jay, Sue Glazier of Lewiston, and Jean Rouillard and Marie Lavoie of Auburn, and maid of honor Diane Vreeland of Kennebunkport, who gave the anniversary toast. Also present were their ushers Harold Dumond of Lewiston and Robert Gagnon Jr. and Rene Lavoie of Auburn.

The Dumonts were married July 9, 1966, at Sacred Heart Church, Auburn, by the Rev. Richard Brissette. They lived most of their lives in Auburn before moving to Lewiston, where they now reside at 160



**Elaine and Paul Dumont**

Scribner Blvd. She is the former Elaine Gagnon. He is employed as a salesman by Auburn Merchandise Distributor, Auburn, Mass. She is a homemaker and part-time hair stylist.

## Couple to take anniversary cruise

LEWISTON — Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Levasseur of 287 Central Ave., Lewiston, were the guests of honor recently at a party held in observance of their silver wedding anniversary.

The party, planned as a surprise by their children, Angela Woodhead, Lisa Levasseur and Vincent Levasseur, was held at No Tomatoes, Auburn. Decorations were in pink, the same color theme used at their wedding in 1966. The three-tiered anniversary cake was made by her sister, Eloise Vachon.

The couple were presented a large silk floral centerpiece and corsages. They received many gifts of silver, and special toasting glasses from friends, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lachance. Their three children, who were the toastmasters, presented them with money to be used on a one-week cruise to the Bahamas. The children also put together a video, featuring favorite photos of their childhood, courtship, marriage and children, set to the tune of their favorite song.

Levasseur and the former Rose Fortier were married Sept. 10, 1966, at St. Rose of Lima Church in Jay.



**Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Levasseur**

She is a registered nurse employed by d'Youville Pavilion. He is a local building contractor.

Many friends and relatives from Lewiston and Auburn attended, as well as Kittery, Jay, Yarmouth and Livermore Falls; Montreal, Canada; New Jersey and New Hampshire.

## Silver anniversary is observed

AUBURN — Richard and Sharon Dufresne of 44 Pinewood Drive, Auburn, were the guests of honor recently at a buffet held in observance of their silver wedding anniversary.

The party, which took place at the American Legion Hall on Washington Street, was planned as a surprise by their children. Her sisters, Sandra Kates and Sheila Blanchette, decorated the hall in the traditional silver and white theme. A cake, made and decorated by Pauline Simond, served as the centerpiece. Flowers were provided by his uncle, Sam Boucher.

Norm Therriault, who was best man at their wedding, was toastmaster. Also in attendance was the maid of honor, Connie Therriault.

Dufresne and the former Sharon Kates were married June 25, 1966, at St. Patrick's Church. They have two children, Debbra and Daniel. A graduate of Lewiston High School and Pelletier's Beauty School, she



**Sharon and Richard Dufresne**

is owner of Sharon's Beauty Salon in Auburn. He is a graduate of Edward Little High School and served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He is employed by Continental Baking Co. Inc.

The celebration was attended by relatives and close friends.





**Diane Lagasse, right, a winner in the Fourth Annual CBOT Commodity Challenge, learns an economics lesson firsthand while in the trading pits of the Chicago Board of Trade.**



**The local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons has compiled a resource directory of long-term care services for the Lewiston-Auburn area. Those who worked on the pilot project are, from left, seated, Dollie Simmons and Jeanne Couture; standing, coordinator Lois Rousseau and Mary Derosier.**



RUSS DILLINGHAM/Sun-Journal

Vernice Berube of Auburn listened to Congresswoman Olympia Snowe speak at the Auburn town meeting Wednesday, while her grandchildren waited outside the council chambers at the Auburn City Building. Henry, left, and Crystal Berube are both from Biddeford.



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### Fire Prevention Week

Staffing a Lewiston Fire Department display in the Lewiston Mall in observance of national Fire Prevention Week are, from left, Deputy Chief James Morin, Capt. Victor Gaudreau and Inspector Ballard Nash.



### Set to "Razzle Dazzle"

St. Dominic Regional High School Family Theater will present "Razzle Dazzle" next weekend at the school hall. Appearing in the lively musical review are, from left, kneeling, Roger Philippon, Susan Beland, Celeste Philippon and Louise Marquis; in back, Patrick Gagnon, Stella Asselin, Luisa-Beth Scott and Chris Scott. The show is being staged and directed by Jeanne Lacourse and Brother Bert Ouellette, who

will also serve as accompanist along with Eric Bauer. John Fournier, Richard Lacourse and John Cloutier are in charge of lighting. Performances are Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday (cabaret by reservation only) at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting Louise Marquis at 782-3015 and they will be available at the door for the Friday and Sunday performances.



PAM DIMOND photo

Big Sister Nicky Ouellette, left, and little sister Brandi Esty work on a dried-flower wall hanging in Ouellette's kitchen in Auburn. They get together once a

week to work on projects, and are planning a ski trip for this winter.



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Beverly Ouellette, a staff assistant for Sen. William S. Cohen, on Tuesday answers calls from people concerned about

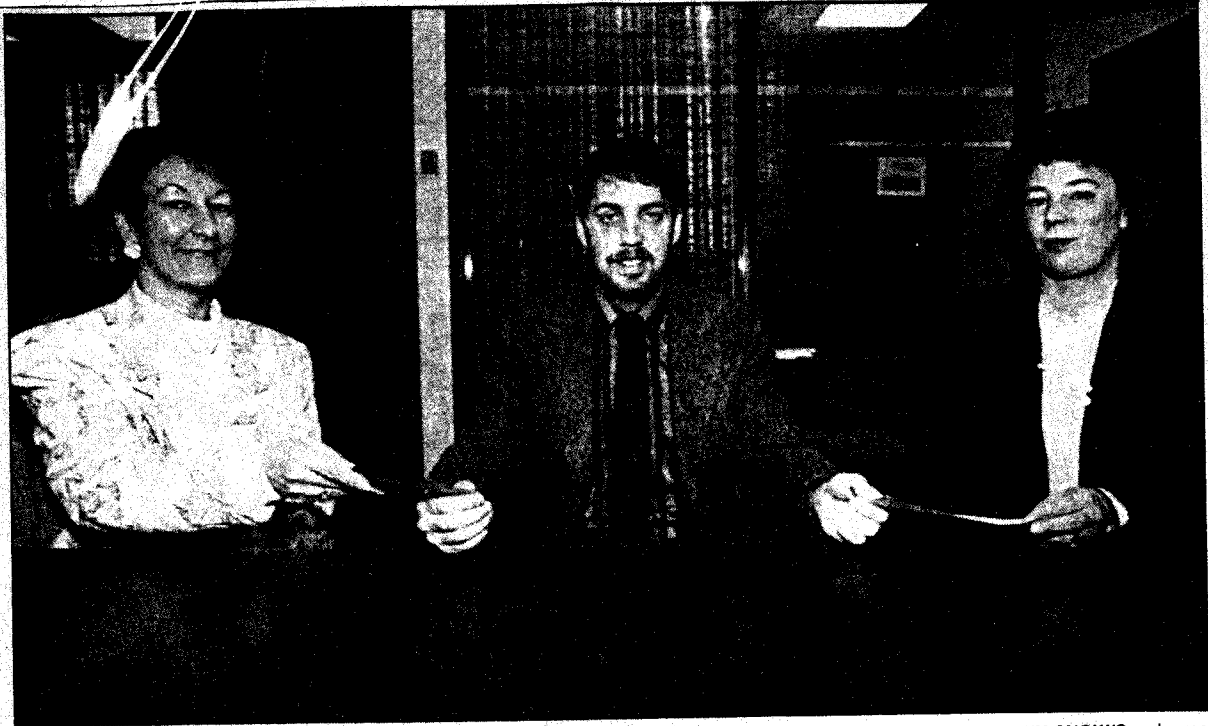
the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court. The Senate confirmed the nomination early Tuesday evening.



#### **Magic Pops soloist**

Miss Lucille Marcoux will be one of the featured soloists as the Magic Popus Chorus presents its annual Christmas concert, "The Sounds of Christmas," this weekend. Friday's performance is sold out. Other performances are Saturday, 8 p.m., Holy Cross Church in Lewiston (because of Mass doors will open at 7:15 p.m. Saturday only), and Sunday, 7:30 p.m., at Holy Cross Church. Admission is \$6 in advance and \$7.50 at the door. Advance tickets may be obtained from members or by calling 782-5457 or 946-7084.





KATHY SNOW/Sun-Journal

### Cash for coins

Gisele Morin, vice president of Fleet Bank, and Lyn Audibert, vice president of Androscoggin Savings Bank, present checks Monday to Rick LaChapelle, chairman of the Lewiston Bicentennial Committee.

The money will enable the committee to mint the first batch of commemorative coins for Lewiston's 200th birthday. The coins will become available Nov. 1 at all the banks' locations in Lewiston and Auburn.



RUSS DILLINGHAM/ Sun-Journal

### In celebration of the earth

Child choir singers from St. Peter's School in Lewiston, will join the world renowned American Boychoir in a performance tomorrow night at SS. Peter and Paul Church. The 8 p.m. program features the Boychoir with Malcolm Dalglish, master of the hammered dulcimer, in the Maine premiere of "Hymnody of Earthy," a work based on the poetry of environmentalist Wendell Berry, early American shape note hymns and

Shaker songs. The Boy Singers of Maine will make up the other half of the community guest choir. Tickets are on sale at Shop 'n' Save Supermarkets as well as at the door. Pictured above, are, front row, Angela Burke, Sarah Lauze, Gemma Escobar, Shannon Douglas, Michelle Nadeau, Allison Gervais. Back row, Jon Becker II, Marcel Dubois, Peter Chamberlain, Melissa Ouellette.



### 'Meal of Fortune'

The Chamber is gearing up for its 3rd Annual "Meal of Fortune," the organization's major fundraising event happening on Sunday evening, Oct. 27, at Spare Time Recreation's new function facility in Lewiston. Joining event chairman Lee Griswold (center) are Richard Bilodeau (left) and Roger Bouffard (right), both former winners of the evening's \$10,000 cash prize drawing. Those attending the event will also have a chance to win additional prizes valued at over \$8,000. A formal dinner and entertainment will cap off the evening of chance and prizes. A limited number of tickets are for sale. To purchase a ticket or for more information contact the Lewiston-Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce at 179 Lisbon St., Lewiston, or telephone 783-2249.



### Celebrating peace is dance theme

The Andy Valley Memorial Assembly will hold its annual fall formal dance on Saturday evening at Lost Valley Lodge. This year's theme is "Let's Celebrate Peace." Supervising the arrangements are, from left, seated, Micki Parent, Bob Parent, Vicki Levesque and Bob Roberge; standing, Paul Lavoie, Henri St. Pierre, Ron Sabourin, Norma Roberge and Rita Sabourin. Louise St. Pierre and Sue Lavoie are also on the Planning Committee. A social hour at 6 p.m. will precede dinner and an evening of dancing.

# Franco-American singer in Twin Cities for a week

LEWISTON — Franco-American video and recording artist Lucie Therrien will spend a week in the Lewiston-Auburn area as artist-in-residence, sharing through song the history of the French cultures with various community groups.

The week of residency has been organized by LA Arts, 234 Lisbon St., and supported by the Maine Arts Commission, the New England Foundation for the Arts, New England Telephone and Lepage Bakeries.

Therrien has made television and radio appearances on "Simple Gifts," a PBS concert with Tom Rush, Tommy Makem and Bill Staines; "Bonjour," United Cable and the ACA; the "Good Day Show," Boston; and on station WEVO, as well as performing live concerts throughout New England.

The chanteuse has recently released her third recording, "Cousins." Her video "La Musique Folklorique" is published and distributed nationally and internationally by a New York Publishing Co.

Therrien will be giving workshops and assemblies on the Quebecois culture at Sherwood Heights School, Auburn, Monday through Thursday; a lecture/video program for the Elder Hostel group, in collaboration with Horizons/55, on Wednesday; a program at the Marcotte Nursing Home on Friday; and a performance accompanied by Quebecois cuisine hors d'oeuvres at the Lewiston-Auburn College, also on Friday.

Her week will conclude with a concert at 2 p.m. Nov. 9 at the United Baptist Church, 250 Main St., Lewiston. The performance is part of LA Arts' Family Series, sponsored by



Lucie Therrien

Shop 'n Save.

Her program, "La Musique," traces the roots, paths and evolution of French-Canadian music from France to Quebec, Acadia, New England and Louisiana.

Using a variety of instruments, voice, guitar, piano, synthesizer, wooden spoons, washboard and harmonica, her musical selections range from traditional to contemporary. Performances are accompanied by English or French historical and entertaining anecdotes.

The event is open to the public and tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children and senior citizens. For more information or tickets, call 782-7228.



A three-part series, "Child Care in Maine," will be shown this month by television stations WCBB and MPBN. On the set during the first part of the segment titled "Family Day Care: The Business for ME" are, from left, Thea Cloutier, program administrator of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension; Carol Robitaille, a Lewiston child care provider; Joyce Crockett, director of Finders/Seekers Resource Development Center, South Paris; and Patsy Wiggins, host.



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New members of the Magic Pops are, front, left to right, Marge Bourgoin, Doris Allard, Bobbie Pulsifer, Beverly Smith. Back, Michael Gendell, Helen Gendell,

David Field and Roger Bosse. Magic Pops is under the direction of Roland M. Roy and Diane J. Biron.

New members join in:

## Pops readies for Christmas

LEWISTON — Eight new members have joined the MAGIC Pops Chorus in preparing for their Christmas concerts this year.

New members include: tenor Dave Field, basses Roger Bosse and Mike Gendell, altos Marge Bourgoin and Beverly Smith, and sopranos Doris Allard, Helen Gendell and Bobbi Jean Pulsifer.

MAGIC is currently rehearsing for its annual Christmas concert, "The Sounds of Christmas" scheduled for Dec. 13, 14 and 15. Because the Lewiston Junior High School auditorium is being renovated, the group has scheduled three separate performances for this popular annual event which last year was sold out.

This year's performance dates, times, and locations are:

Friday, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. at Sacred Heart

Church in Auburn

Saturday, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. at Holy Cross Church in Lewiston. (Because of the Mass schedule, doors will not open before 7:15 p.m. for the Saturday performance.)

Sunday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Church in Lewiston

Tentative plans for 1992 include a Valentine's Day concert that will mark the reopening of the newly renovated Lewiston Junior High School Auditorium. The program will consist entirely of love songs dating from the 1930s to the present.

Admission to "The Sounds of Christmas" is \$6 for advance tickets or \$7.50 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased from any member of MAGIC or by calling 782-5457 or 946-7084.



### For excellence

A trophy for having the highest percentage in membership was presented Holy Family Council, Knights of Columbus, during the opening of its new council home in the former Booster Club building behind Holy Family Church. Grand Knight Mario Gendron, right, receives the trophy from Maurice Mailloux, left, district deputy president.



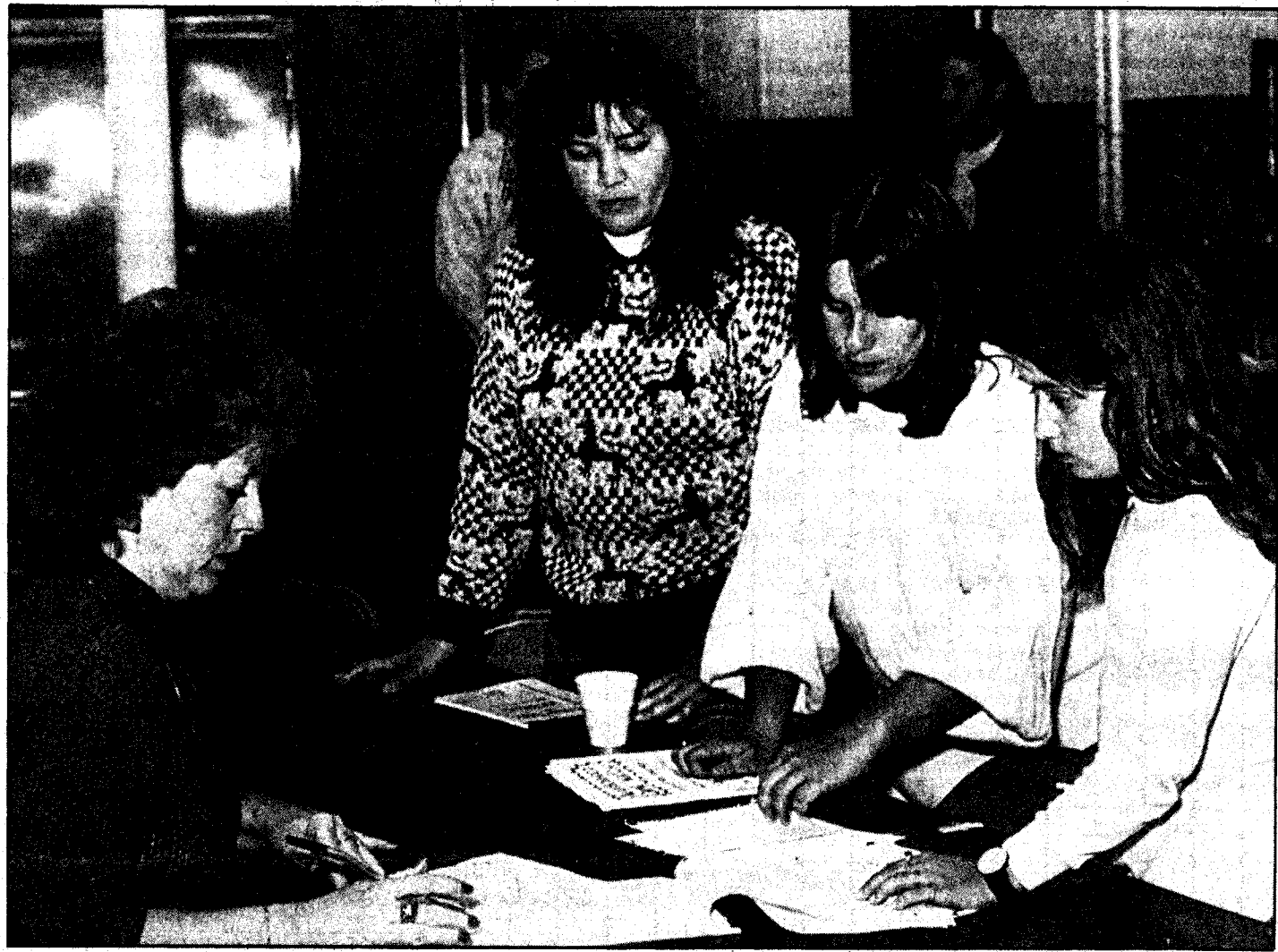
### Luncheon crew

The Sacred Heart Church fair, A Candy Cane Christmas, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the church hall, 267 Minot Ave. Preparing the luncheon will be, from left, Marge Gardner, Yvette Lamontagne, Bernadette Heathco, Pearl Beaulieu and Annette Martineau. Rita Dumais is general chairperson and assisting are Fran Dumont, Kitchen Kapers; Joan Mooney and Mary Ritchie, candy; Jeanne Mailhot, crafts-/angels; Art and Gail Burgess, tree trimming; Pauline Saindon, knitting-/crocheting; Dot Ritchie, jewelry; Jocelyne Rancourt and Pat Monzel, wreaths/dried flowers; Lorraine Luce, attic treasures; Mary Ann Cormier, Kids' Korner; Tina Short, baked goods; Margarita Clifford, Hummel nativity set; and Denis and Mariette Croteau. Roland St. Pierre, a parishioner, has donated an oak grandfather clock and a child's rocking horse that he hand crafted. On the lunch menu are muffins, lobster rolls, hot dogs, chicken salad sandwiches, beverages, and Yvette's baked beans with coleslaw.

### Crimefighters

Residents of Pleasant View Acres, Lewiston, held a meeting to organize a Neighborhood Crime Watch group Monday night. Sgt. William Welch of the Lewiston Police Department, spoke to the group of 15 people, offering advice on the establishment of the crime watch. Residents complained of poor streetlighting and vandalism in the neighborhood. Pictured here reviewing notes after the meeting are, from left to right, Pam Landry, Jeannie Cormier, Christine Potvin and 11-year-old Faith Gauthier.

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### **United Way presentation**

United Way loan executives  
John Labbe, left, and Lee  
Bachelder, center, give a pre-  
sentation Friday in the lunch-  
room at St. Mary's Hospital in  
Lewiston. Among those in at-  
tendance was St. Mary's Chief  
Executive Officer James  
Cassidy.



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### Walking for the birds

About 150 people on Sunday participated in the American Heart Association, Lewiston-Auburn Division, Turkeywalk, which started at the Bates College Chapel in Lewiston. The event raised money for the AHA through pledges and donations, explained Dr.

Michael Lemieux, division president, but was also intended to "spread the word that walking can help people get physically fit." Walkers raising \$250 or more will get a turkey from event sponsor Shop 'n Save.



MATTHEW KENNEY photo

Bert Dutil is president of the International Snowshoe Convention Championship. The Lewiston City Council rejected a request by convention officials to waive the rental fee at the Multi-Purpose Center.



### St. Dom's cheerleaders

Above are the St. Dominic's Regional High School cheerleaders. In front, from left, are Jenn Saucier, Karen Bergeron, Rebecca Melanson, DeeDee Samson, Michelle Desmarais, Michelle Murray and Kerrie

Poulin. Back row, same order, are Dawn Guay, Kim Boucher, Jason Carville, Patrick Gagnon, Rebecca Richard, Anne-Marie Gendron and Karen Laroche. Another squad member is Jenn Gray.



### 10th anniversary of Roak Block

The residents of the Roak Block, 156 Main St., Auburn, recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the elderly housing project on the site of a former shoe factory. Among the 23 original tenants present were Priscilla Bilodeau, seated in the foreground on left; first row, seated from left, Leda Allaire, Denise Clements, Alice Normandeau, Christine Ray, Rose Bachand, Gertrude Parker and Joseph Theriault; second row, Leona Pushard, Mildred Perry, Mae Young, Cecile Dubois, Bertha

Rattigan, Ethel Dunbar, Eunice Johnson, Florence Kelley, Florence Larson and Frances Robitaille; third row, Ernest Perry, Armand DeCormier, Louise Garey, Lenora Marsden and Felicien Doucette. For the celebration, the community unit was decorated by the residents and a large cake with a picture of the Roak Block was served with punch and coffee. The Roak Block, located in the historic downtown section of Auburn, now houses 74 units.



**Martel School fourth graders Lucas Foster, left, and Jillian Elder, right, join quilter and art teacher Ann Gosselin in admiring the fruits of their labor. Nineteen students took part in producing the quilt.**

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### Elks of the Month

At a meeting of the Lewiston Lodge of Elks, two members, Dave Fer-  
nand, left, and Danny Long, right, were recognized as Elks of the Month  
for September and October. Maurice Mailloux, exalted ruler, center,  
presented each of them a plaque for their work and dedication to the  
lodge.



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Paul Bouchard pauses during Bible study Friday night at the Hope Haven  
Mission. Bouchard earlier in the evening rescued a 13-year-old boy who  
had fallen into the canal off Lincoln Street.

# Ghouls and ghosts dance night away at St. Dom ~~~~~



**This creepy couple, John Fournier and Cindy Morin, were at the door to greet the costumed guests as they arrived.**

**By JENNIFER MORRILL**  
*St. Dominic RHS*

Friday, October 25, was a night to get down and get creepy. The Halloween Dance, sponsored by the National Honor Society, brought in all kinds of people. Some dressed as the traditional witch or clown, and others were more creative, showing up in such garb as dice, flowers, and three men in a tub.

Senior disc jockey, John Cloutier, kept the night alive with a great mix of songs that everyone seemed to enjoy.

NHS awarded students who had outstanding costumes. Most Original Costume went to junior, Derek Michaud, who dressed as a tube of Crest toothpaste. Overall Best Costume prize, which has always been held by seniors, went this year to a group of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen who dressed as characters from the Wizard of Oz.

The dance, which is one of the best of the year, was a blast for everyone who attended. It certainly brought out the different sides of people.

— Photos by St. Dom staff —



**Tony Langelier, with his French maids Kellie Laurendeau and Amy Boissoneault on his arms. No wonder he's smiling!!**



Watchout 90210, here comes 04240 — Left to right are St. Dom juniors Gary Fortin, Tim Wong, Amy Boissioneault, Eric Toussaint, Kellie Laurendeau, and Shelly Cote as they gathered for a trip to Boston.

## SD juniors spent the day in Beantown

By JENNIFER MORRILL  
St. Dominic RHS

On Saturday, October 26, the junior class from St. Doms', packed up and headed for Boston. Upon arriving at Boston Common, the group separated and headed for areas of interest. Some students headed directly

for Faneuil Hall, while others went shopping on the more expensive Newberry Street. Some students followed the Freedom Trail, others went to Tower Records and the Prudential Building.

At five o'clock that evening, everyone regrouped at the Common, to discuss their adventurous day. At

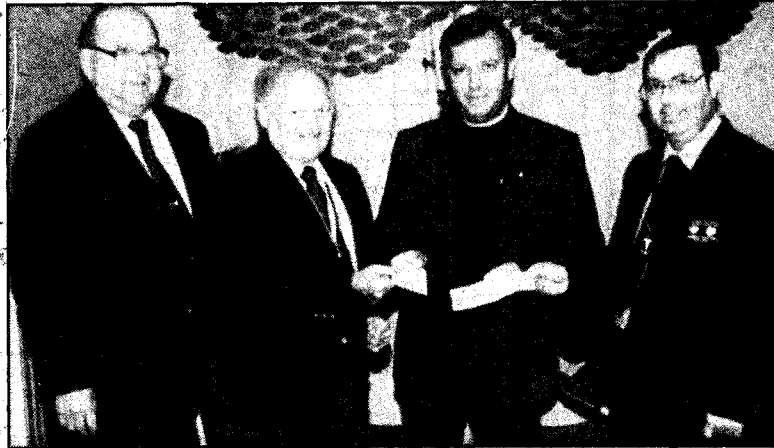
around six, the group left the Common and paraded to the Charles Playhouse. The comedy "Shear Madness" was the next stop for the group. The play, which involves much audience participation, proved to be an enjoyable time for all. The group has already made plans to return in the spring.



### Alumnus honored

St. Dominic Regional High School's Principal Dan Fuller, left, presents Roger Gosselin, class of '52, the Volunteer of the Year award for his outstanding contributions to the school. Given annually, the award recognizes this loyal alumnus' support and his dedication and hard work as the general chairman of the 50th anniversary celebration, which took place in May. His countless hours of volunteer labor and support exemplified the theme of the weekend celebration, "The Spirit Echoes."





### Donation for shelter

Lewiston Council 106 Knights of Columbus has made a \$2,250 donation to help defray the installation costs of a new furnace for the St. Martin de Porres shelter for the homeless on Bartlett Street, Lewiston. Participating in the recent presentation of the check were, from left, Roger Leblanc, community activity director for Council 160; Roland Gosselin, fourth degree coordinator; Brother Irene Richards, shelter director; and James Sutton, grand knight.



### Deck the mall!

Students from area schools were invited to help provide holiday scenery for shoppers at the Lewiston Mall. Students at Holy Cross School, Lewiston, created handmade ornaments and decorations to adorn Christmas trees on display. Stephanie Bosse, left, and Jennifer Bussiere, right, put the finishing touches on their tree, which they decorated with paper garlands, strings of cranberries and tissue-paper candy canes. The trees can be viewed throughout the mall during regular shopping hours.

# Indians and Pilgrims tour St. Mary's



All dressed in costume, first-graders at McMahon Elementary School in Lewiston visited St. Mary's Regional Medical Center as part of their studies on Indians and Pilgrims. During the weeklong program, the students shared a Thanksgiving feast, enjoyed a presentation by Dell Deschenes on the Zuni Indians of New Mexico, and learned about Indian folklore from Susan Pease, the children's librarian at the Lewiston Public Library. As part of their experience, the students of first-grade teachers Rachel Billings, Barbara Ellery and Madelyn Given all completed picture books, worked at learning sign language, produced art work, learned native American songs and poems, enjoyed Indian games and made their own costumes. Participating in the project were, from

left, front row, Heather Fasulo, Maeghan Baldwin, Ryan Landry, Aaron Le, Melanie Mericle, Garrett Storer and Joey Poirier; second row, Alyson Dube, Susan Belanger, Amanda Provencher, Kelly Pelletier, Ashley Albert, Faith Berube and Heather Gagne; third row, Kymberly Kirouac, Jessica Dubois, Jane Elie, Lyndsay Blais, Amber Lauze, Ashia Jumper and Gromyko Rogers; fourth row, Chad Pomerleau, Kirk Bolduc, Brian Hawley, Zachary Drake, Tony Gatlin, Jason Beaulieu, Miguel Barajas and Jacob Lavoie. St. Mary's Regional Medical Center has adopted McMahon through the Adopt-a-School Program, in which businesses share their employees' knowledge and experience with young people.



Laurie Deschenes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yves Deschenes of 49 Acadia St., Lewiston, will appear in Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade next week in New York City, where she will be a member of the color guard for the All-American Drum and Bugle Corps. Deschenes will spend several days in New York and on Wednesday is scheduled to appear at Radio City Music Hall. A graduate of Lewiston High School and Mr. Bernard's School of Hair Fashion, she serves as an instructor for the Lewiston High School color guard and is employed by d'Youville Pavilion.



### Junior Volunteers recognized

Junior Volunteers at Central Maine Medical Center were honored for their service contributions and a number of them were awarded service recognition pins. From left are, front row, Sara Guerrette, Sabattus, 100-hour pin; Lisa Castonguay, Turner; Krista Belanger, Lewiston, 100-hour pin; Katie LeCompte, Auburn, 100-hour pin; Tasha Sasseville, Lewiston; and Danielle L'Heureux, Auburn; second row, Susan Bowie, CMMC's assistant director of Volunteer Services; Kristen Murphy, Poland, 100-hour pin; Ann Provost, Greene, 100-hour pin; Michaela Smith, Leeds, 100-hour pin; Jennifer Brooks, Lewiston, 100-hour pin; Amy Trask, Lewiston, 200-hour pin; and CMMC Volunteer Services director, Cheryl Miller; third row,

Jessie Blier, Harrison; Billy Goodwin, Lewiston, 100-hour pin; Heather Maschino, Gray, 100-hour pin; Danyle Noiles, Greene; Stacie Parent, Auburn, 100-hour pin; Maria Magno, Auburn; Charity Hussey, Lewiston; and Patricia Bolduc, Auburn. Absent when photo was taken were Tom Ardia, Lewiston, 100-hour pin; Jennie Sirois, Greene, 100-hour pin; Jenny Caldwell, Mark Collins, Beth Gile, Jennifer Johnson and Lisa Whitehouse, all of Auburn; Amanda Comeau, Jana Dumont, Christine Laliberte, Melanie Manson, Sue Notarangelo, Jocelyn Richard, Shannon St. Hilaire and DeAnne Tardif, all of Lewiston; and Katherine Fournier, Gardiner.



WINSLOW DURGIN photo

Katie St. Hilaire, left, reads to Aimee Trottier during a Thanksgiving dinner at the Minot Consolidated School. The second-graders and their classmates dressed as Pilgrims and Indians and talked about the first Thanksgiving.



Marcelle Labbe, seated left, heads up a team of 10 Loaned Executives for the United Way. Joining her and nine of the executives is Doug Cooney, seated center, United Way's vice-president for resource de-

velopment. The executives are, seated, Nancy Goldsmith; standing, from left, Julie Boutilier, Brenda Laplante, Leland Bachelder, John Labbe, Michelle Lajole, Al Aliberti, Tina Robbins and Jami Goudreau.

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## Bouffard certified by funeral group

LEWISTON — Roger M. Bouffard, president of The Fortin Group of Lewiston and Auburn, has received recognition as a certified funeral service practitioner from the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice, a voluntary certification program in continuing education.

Bouffard received his certification at the organization's 110th annual convention in Las Vegas from Edward Fitzgerald, past national president.

Each funeral director who receives this award is required to complete 180 hours of continuing education in four designated areas: academic activities, professional activities, career review, and public education and service.



Roger M. Bouffard of The Fortin Group receives his award from Edward Fitzgerald.



### Ghouls of Halloween visit library

The Lewiston Public Library became a "spook house" when the ghouls of Halloween made a visit for the scary story time on Oct. 26. Hiding their identity behind face paints and masks are, from left, first row, Tim Wagner, Angela Verma, Kathy Harkins

and Bonnie Girouard; second row, Claire Ward, Brad Walker, Rose Rousseau, Martha Hilton, Jeannette Girouard, Linda Wagner and Doris Morgan; third row, Tracy Bradbury, Jeffrey Bradbury, Elizabeth Sampson, Susan Pease and Rick Spear.



### d'Youville council officers

Newly elected resident council officers at St. Marguerite d'Youville Pavilion in Lewiston are, from left, Simone Couture, treasurer; Rita Dean, president; and Dot Pokross, vice president. The officers relay resident's requests to the management team at d'Youville, a 280-bed long-term care facility.



MATTHEW KENNEY photo

St. Dominic Regional High School Principal Daniel Fuller, left, and Raoul Pinette, chairman of the school's development council, recently unveiled a five-year plan to raise \$1.5 million, the bulk of which would be used for financial aid and scholarship funds.

## St. Dom's unveils plans for development drive

By MATTHEW KENNEY  
Special to the Sun-Journal

LEWISTON — The Development Council at St. Dominic Regional High School has announced an ambitious plan to raise \$1.5 million over the course of the next five years.

The bulk of the funds, approximately \$1 million, would go toward the school's financial aid/scholarship fund. At present, about 15 percent of St. Dom's 250 students receive some type of financial aid.

Principal Daniel Fuller said that the availability of more financial aid would bolster the school's efforts to increase enrollment. "We could accommodate up to 350 students comfortably," he said.

Fuller stressed that the long-range development plan "is going to be a slow, cautious process." The school has a target goal of \$100,000 for the current year, which it hopes to collect through three fund-raising drives.

Fuller and Raoul Pinette, chairman of the Development Council, explained that additional funds over the next five years will be sought through major donors. Pinette said a key focus of all drives "is to get as much (money) as we can to keep tuition as low as possible." Tuition fees this year at St. Dom are \$2,665, a figure which Pinette said is "the lowest amongst all private high schools in Maine."

Before approaching potential major donors, Fuller and the Development Council plan to do an "assessment of where St. Dom's stands in

the community and what people think about the school." Based on this information, Fuller said he is prepared to slightly alter the focus of the school's mission to bring it in line with what the public sees or would like to see in a private, Catholic high school.

Pinette said that potential donors would be contacted personally by a representative of the school.

Fuller said the mission of the school has remained essentially the same since it was founded in 1941. "Our goal is to educate the youth of Lewiston and Auburn. We are raising the educational aspirations of our students so they realize that education does not end with high school. We are Catholic. We are diocesan, which means we are open to everyone."

Fuller noted that in recent years St. Dom's has become more of a college preparatory school. Next year, he said, students would be given the opportunity to receive vocational training at the Regional Vocational Technical Center at Lewiston High School. Students taking advantage of this program would continue to take their academic courses at St. Dominic's.

In the short term, Pinette said the school is hoping to raise \$100,000 to meet the following immediate needs:

- \$10,000 for a heavy-duty copy machine;
- \$15,000 for a replacement bus;
- \$50,000 to repay a diocesan loan;
- \$25,000 to upgrade the library and computer center.



## La Survivance to have party

LEWISTON — Jean-Paul Poulain of Augusta will provide a program of musical entertainment when members of La Survivance Francaise gather at Ramada Inn on Sunday for their annual Christmas party.

Activities get under way with a social hour at noon, followed by luncheon and the program. Tickets may be obtained by calling Rita Gosselin, president of the group, at 783-0983, or Aliette Couturier, vice president, at 784-1434. Guests are also invited to attend.

Billed as a "chanteur" in the European tradition, Poulain is well-known for his repertoire of French songs. He has been singing since the age of 5 and has made numerous television, radio and concert appearances throughout Maine, New England and Quebec. He currently serves as host for radio station WFAU's French musical program.

Accompanying Poulain will be pianist Elisabeth DeMoulin Breton of Manchester, who has appeared at a variety of functions. She teaches



**Jean-Paul Poulain**

piano in the Augusta area and is organist at the Togus VA Center, where Poulin is soloist for the center's Catholic services.



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### Golfing champion

Lina Verville of Auburn is shown with the Maynard Cup after winning the Maynard Golf Tournament held at Fairlawn Golf Course in Poland. She prevailed in a field of 40 golfers. Alex Bouchles finished second. The trophy is sponsored by Maynard Shoes of Lewiston.



### **Planning annual meeting**

Directors of the Area IV Mental Health Services Coalition met recently to plan the corporation's annual meeting. They are, from left, Anne Marie Bérrier, Alma Desjardins, Craig Phillips and Michael McKeown. The annual meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 18 at St. Patrick's Church in Lewiston. Guest speaker will be Kenn Rancourt, staff member of the Behavioral Medicine Department at St. Mary's Hospital. The theme for the meeting is "Smelling the Roses and Renewing the Harvest," in recognition of the six years of growth in the organization. The coalition, which provides community living services for persons challenged by a mental illness, is located at 100 Pine St., Lewiston, and sponsors the 100 Pine Street Social Center and the Housing Resource Service. The board of directors invites everyone to attend the meeting; call the coalition offices at 782-2273 if planning to do so.



### **To entertain at banquet**

The musical group, "Present Company," comprised of, from left, Margaret DerBoghossian and Diane Meservier, vocalists, and Lorna Jellymore, instrumentalist, will entertain the Ladies of St. Anne Sodality of Holy Family Parish at the annual Christmas banquet on Wednesday. A Mass at 5:30 p.m. in the church will be followed by a social hour and dinner in the parish hall. The deadline for tickets, which are \$10, is Sunday, and they may be obtained by contacting Simonne Nadeau at 784-4865.

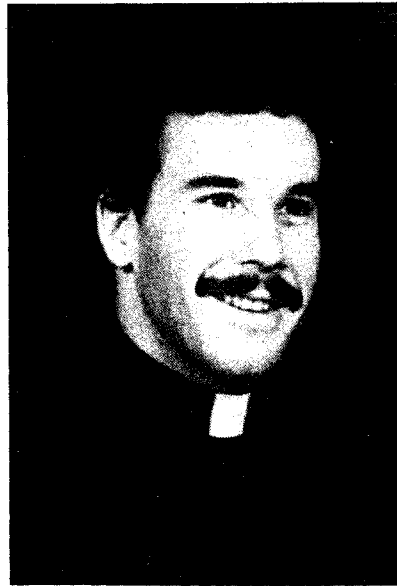
# Chaplain to address Queen's Guild Sodality

LEWISTON — The Rev. Timothy Higgins, chaplain at Maine Medical Center in Portland, will be the featured speaker when members of the Queen's Guild Sodality of St. Joseph's Parish meet Thursday.

A Mass for deceased members will be celebrated in the church at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Frank Morin officiating. After the service, a meeting will be held in the church hall with Eva Ladouceur as hostess.

Higgins, son of Gene and Claudette Higgins of Cumberland Center, is a 1977 graduate of Cheverus High School, received a bachelor's degree in religious studies from St. Michael's College, Winooski, Vt., and graduated in 1987 from St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Md., with a master of divinity degree.

In 1982-83 he was director of youth ministry at Holy Cross Parish in Lewiston and was ordained to the priesthood at Sacred Heart Church in Yarmouth in May of 1987. He served as parochial vicar at Holy Rosary Parish in Caribou and received his present assignment at Maine Medical



**Rev. Timothy Higgins**

Center last July.

The meeting is open to all women of the parish.



## Credit unions plan fund-raiser

The credit unions in the Twin Cities area are joining together to sponsor a public spaghetti and meatball supper with all proceeds going to the Ending Hunger campaign in Maine. The event will be held Wednesday at the Lewiston Knights of Columbus hall, 150 East Ave., Lewiston, with serving from 5 to 7 p.m. Working on the arrangements are, from left, seated, Rachel Caron, Donna Martin and Fern Cloutier; standing, Monique Gagnon, Terry Parent, Murielle Bouchard, Lise Lavalle, Denise Gauthier, Marge Gagne and Diane Dyer. Tickets, which are available at all area credit unions, are \$3.50 in advance and \$4 at the door.



### St. Louis Holiday Fair

St. Louis Parish in Auburn is having its annual Holiday Fair on Saturday with the doors opening at 9 a.m. Displaying some of the items for sale are, from left, Nicholas Cote holding a wooden baseball glove; his mother, Susan Cote, chairperson of the arts and crafts booth; and Kathy Bourgault, holding a Victorian hat. Cote made the Santa wall hanging in the background and Bourgault made wooden bears. A combination Chinese chop suey and old-fashioned Saturday bean supper will be held in the evening. Tickets will be sold at the door.



### Flag presentation

The Lewiston Knights of Columbus presented St. Mary's Regional Medical Center with a U.S. flag recently at a ceremony in St. Mary's Chapel. Presenting the flag were, from left, Fred Simpson, deputy grand knight; and Robert D. Parent, grand knight; Maurice Madore, vice president of Medical Affairs; and the Rev. Bert Poussard, chaplain. The flag will remain on the altar at St. Mary's Chapel, where Mass is held Saturday through Wednesday and any patient or family member can go for contemplation and prayer.

# Organist at Holy Cross is honored

## Her ministry of music spans 50 years

LEWISTON — Esther M. Gagnon, organist at Holy Cross Church, was honored recently for her 50 years of music ministry in the Lewiston parish.

A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated with the Rev. John Audibert as president.

Concelebrants were the Rev. Albert Roux, pastor of St. David Church in Madawaska; the Rev. Normand Carrier, chaplain at Central Maine Medical Center; the Rev. Real Nadeau, pastor of St. Michael Church in South Berwick.

The Rev. Lionel Chouinard, pastor of St. Augustine Church in Augusta; the Rev. Gerard Gosselin, chaplain at St. Joseph's College, North Windham; the Rev. Roger Chabot, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Yarmouth.

The Rev. John Audibert, pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Lewiston; the Rev. George Plante, pastor of St. Sebastien Church in Madison; the Rev. Paul Marquis, parochial vicar at Holy Cross Church in Lewiston.

The Rev. Laurent Laplante, pastor of St. Andrew Church in Biddeford; the Rev. Paul Plante, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland; and the Rev. Re-



A Mass of Thanksgiving and a banquet was held recently in honor of Esther M. Gagnon, center, organist at Holy Cross Church, in recognition of her 50 years of service to the church. Celebrating the Mass were, from left, the Rev. Albert Roux, the Rev. Normand Carrier, the Rev. Real Nadeau, the Rev. Lionel Chouinard, the Rev. Gerard Gosselin, the Rev. Roger Chabot, the Rev. John Audibert, the Rev. George Plante, the Rev. Paul Marquis, the Rev. Laurent Laplante and the Rev. Paul Plante.

nald Labarre, pastor of St. Philip's Church in Auburn.

A banquet in the parish hall followed the Mass, attended by family, friends, members of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate Secular Institute and other religious communities.

The 40-voice choir for the liturgy was under the direction of Ann-Marie Gagnon. The instrumentalists were

Sister Monique Belanger on keyboard, Peter and Sue Poulin on guitar and Jeffrey Pelletier on flute.

Holy Cross pastor, the Rev. John Audibert, paid tribute to Esther by saying "We are privileged to be here. These 50 years of Esther's commitment to the church of Holy Cross gives us reason to rejoice and to celebrate.

For all of us who have come to know and to love you, Esther, we have become different persons. All of us can attest to the fact that we have witnessed within ourselves a wholesome change, a transformation that has made us much wiser, much more mature, much more human, much more lovable."

Gagnon, who was born in Livermore Falls, has been a Lewiston resident and organist at Holy Cross since 1941. From 1943 until she retired in 1971, she was secretary to the city of Lewiston's financial controller.

In 1982, Esther was named Outstanding Layperson by the Lewiston-Auburn Center of Parish Ministry for her 40 years of service to Holy Cross. She has been a member of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate Secular Institute since 1958.

Besides her involvement in music ministry, Esther has been involved in other numerous ministries within the parish, such as Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Notre Dame Guild for youth, the Mission/Vocation Club, the Parish Council, where she was the first secretary, and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

"Her accomplishments are many, but her life and her person remain simple and loving. We are truly blessed by her presence and ask God to keep gracing her life and ours by her love for life and music," said Sister Monique Belanger.



JOSE LEIVA/Sun-Journal

### **Caught in downpour**

**Debora Nadeau of Auburn keeps dry under her umbrella during the heavy rain Wednesday as she walks downtown on her way to the Lewiston post office on Wednesday.**



## Homeless shelter is topic at meeting of NARFE group

LEWISTON — When members of the National Retired Federal Workers meet Nov. 26 at Ramada Inn on Pleasant Street, Brother Irene Richard, director of St. Martin de Porres home for the homeless, will be the featured speaker.

Plans for the meeting, scheduled for 11:30 a.m., were made at a recent meeting of the executive board at the home of Vi Dumais. Present were Richard Carbonneau, NARFE president, Charlie Stone, Doris Hamel, Alice Lavalley, Jean Gilbert, Al Dionne and Marcel Charest.

Richard, a Lewiston native, realized a dream when he opened the residence for homeless men and women in the area earlier this year. He will share his philosophy and discuss the functions of the home.

All those attending the meeting are asked to take non-perishable food items to be donated to the home. Carbonneau will preside at the business session following a noon luncheon.



Brother Irene Richard



### Collecting food for Thanksgiving

Eight local chiropractors have banded together to collect food that will be donated to the less fortunate families in Lewiston/Auburn on Thanksgiving. Participating in Lewiston are Dr. Bert Daigle, Dr. Luc Dionne, Dr. Sue Grondin, and Dr. David Odiorne; and in Auburn, Dr. Gerald Nadeau, Dr. John Reeder, Dr. Paul Morin and Dr. Thomas Mogan will join the effort. Members of the community are invited to bring a donation of non-perishable food on Tuesday to the offices of the participating chiropractors; no cash, checks, or credit cards will be accepted. All food collected will be donated to the Salvation Army, which will handle distribution. In the photo are, from left, Dr. David Odiorne, Dr. Bert Daigle, Dr. John Reeder, Dr. Sue Grondin, Dr. Luc Dionne and Dr. Gerald Nadeau.



### **Big buddy, little buddy**

A big buddy/little buddy program is being initiated at Montello School, in which students "adopt" each other. Students in Jim Bazinet's fourth-grade class and Jeanne Read's first grade took the first step during a recent gathering in the school library. William Bechard, left, exchanged adoption certificates with Greg Letourneau. The buddies meet weekly and special activities are planned for each month throughout the school year.

## **Dube attends seminar in Massachusetts**

AUBURN — Ray Dube, marketing representative of Advantage Payroll Services, attended the company's corporate seminar on Oct. 26 at the Sheraton Tara in Danvers, Mass.

Representatives and owners from Advantage's 32 nationwide franchises convened to discuss the latest changes affecting their industry. Topics discussed included upcoming changes in federal and state payroll taxes, filing requirement complexities faced by employers, and Internal Revenue Service penalties.

The Auburn-based business service provides complete payroll and payroll-tax processing to over 4,000 companies nationwide.

Dube resides in Lewiston with his wife, Jennifer, and son.



**Ray Dube**



### Traveling clinic

In a joint effort with the Maine Elks Association and Bedard's Pharmacy, the Elks diabetic van was utilized to test and screen 56 people for diabetes last month. Participating in the project were, from left, Norm Theberge, who took the test; Mike Nadeau, pharmacist with Bedard's; Ray Caouette, driver of the van; and Maurice Mailloux, exalted ruler of the local Elks Lodge.



### Making preparations for teen dance

The Lewiston-Auburn Jaycees and representatives from St. Dominic Regional, Edward Little and Lewiston high schools are making plans for a chemical-free dance for 14 to 20-year-olds on New Year's Eve. The dance will be held at the Lewiston Armory from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. with a video disc jockey providing entertainment. Working on the arrangements are, from left, Gary Lachance, Linda Boucher, Paula Fortin, Joan Parker and Michelle Lajoie. Anyone interested in helping with the project or making a donation may call 782-5491. Proceeds from the event will go towards Project Graduation and high school scholarships.



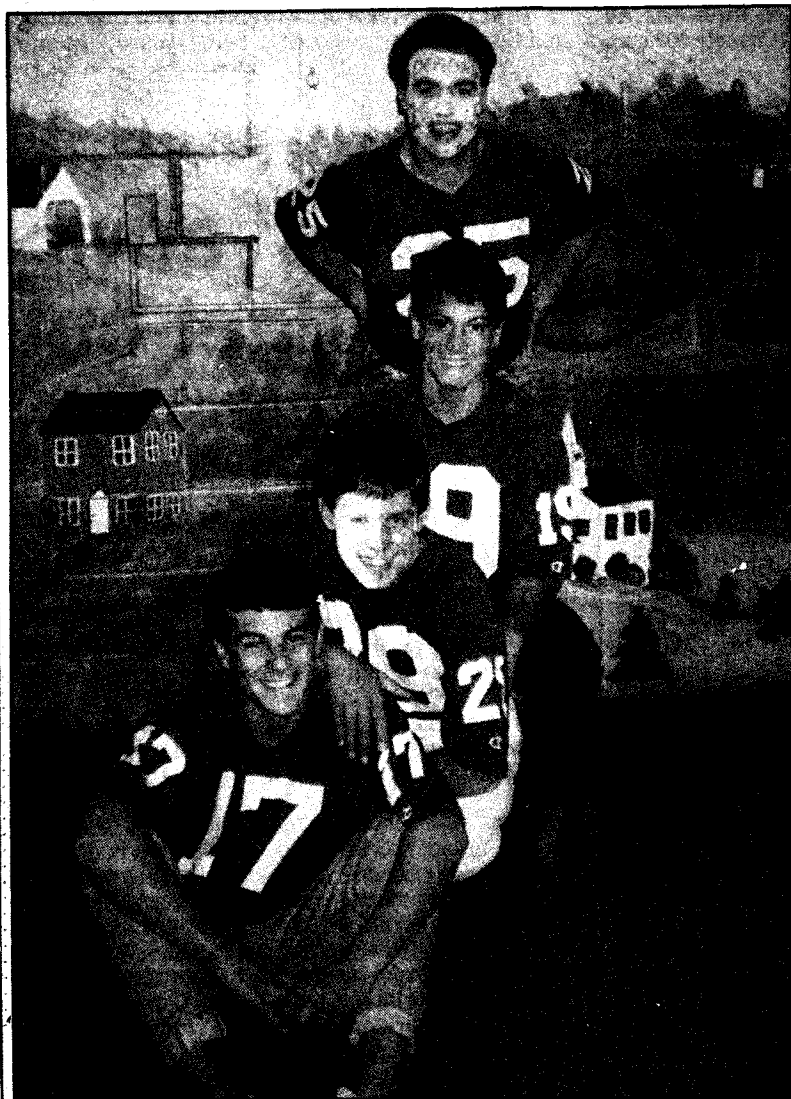
### St. Mary's fair

The annual parish Christmas Fair will be held Sunday at St. Mary's Church, providing an opportunity for some early holiday shopping. Booths will include knit goods, toys, plants, jewelry, Christmas decorations and odds and ends. Both breakfast and luncheon will be served during the fair, which will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Among those working on the arrangements are, from left, seated, Anita Dostie, Jeanne Turgeon and Noella Landry; standing Liette Poulin, Rita Roy, Jeannine Breton and Thelma Gagnon. Everyone is invited to attend.



### Landlords discuss training program

A large group of landlords from the Rental Housing Association in Lewiston met with Sgt. William Welch and officer Michael McGonagle of the Lewiston Police Department's Pace Team to discuss the implementation of a new landlord training program titled 'Keeping Illegal Activity Out of Rental Property.' At the meeting were, from left, directors Ron Comeau, Ray Berube, Paul Morency, George Camire, McGonagle, and Lionel Guay. Any landlord interested in further information is invited to attend the next meeting of the association, which will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Sons of Italy hall, 539 College St., Lewiston.



TRACY SASSEVILLE photo

### True to their school

Among those celebrating Pride Day at Lewiston Junior High School Friday were, from front, Brad Letourneau, Marvin Langley, Dave Provencher and Tony Nadeau. Students dressed in the school colors of blue and white, painted their faces and decorated the halls and cafeteria with posters. The activities were intended to boost school spirit and support for the football team. The team's last game of the season, postponed from Friday due to bad field conditions, will be held at 6 p.m. Monday at Walton Field in Auburn.

## Marshwood volunteer honored

LEWISTON — Muriel Lemire of Lewiston, a volunteer at Marshwood Nursing Care Center on Roger Avenue, Lewiston, recently received special recognition as runner-up in the Maine Health Care Association's selection of Volunteer of the Year.

For several years she has devoted many volunteer hours to Marshwood, helping out wherever she is needed and doing whatever needs to be done.

Resident Council officers, Juliette Lafleur, Aurore Hebert and Marge Nason, presented her with a framed certificate and floral arrangement in appreciation of her caring and dedication to others.



Muriel Lemire



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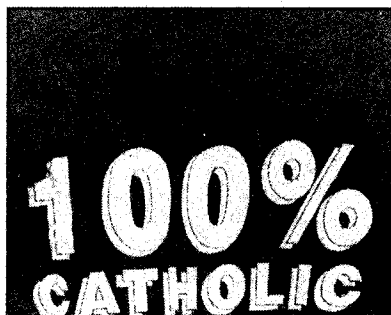
Program at Holy Family parish in Lewiston focuses a weekly Mass and ministry, offering them a renewed sense of identity within the church. Organizers are finding a niche in the church community, and is attracting hundreds of

high-school-age people to share in the program. Here, the Rev. Tim Nadeau leads a group of teens during Mass.

## Teen spirit:

Program at Holy Family parish has a huge, youthful following

Teen Mass and a session of youth



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# Anxiety rising as crisis grows

## Mainers fear the worst, and keep getting it

By SUSAN RAYFIELD  
Sunday Staff Writer

LEWISTON — There is something different about this latest budget crisis.

When Patricia Lafrance read the account of Gov. McKernan's speech in the paper over breakfast Thursday, she told her husband, "I'm afraid."

This is the fourth fiscal emergency announced by the McKernan administration in a year. But where previous shortfalls seemed far away — dealing with government surplus and future revenues — this one struck home.

There it was in black-and-white. State revenues for cities and towns out the window starting in January. Local school aid down more. And now the proposed elimination of 2,600 state jobs.

"Before, I thought we would pull out of this. But there's no end in sight," said a discouraged Lafrance, a personnel assistant at The Buschman Co., on River Street. "We're deeper in debt, and a lot of jobs they're cutting will never come back. It's getting scary."

The state crunch mirrors the struggles of thousands of Mainers who are striving to bal-

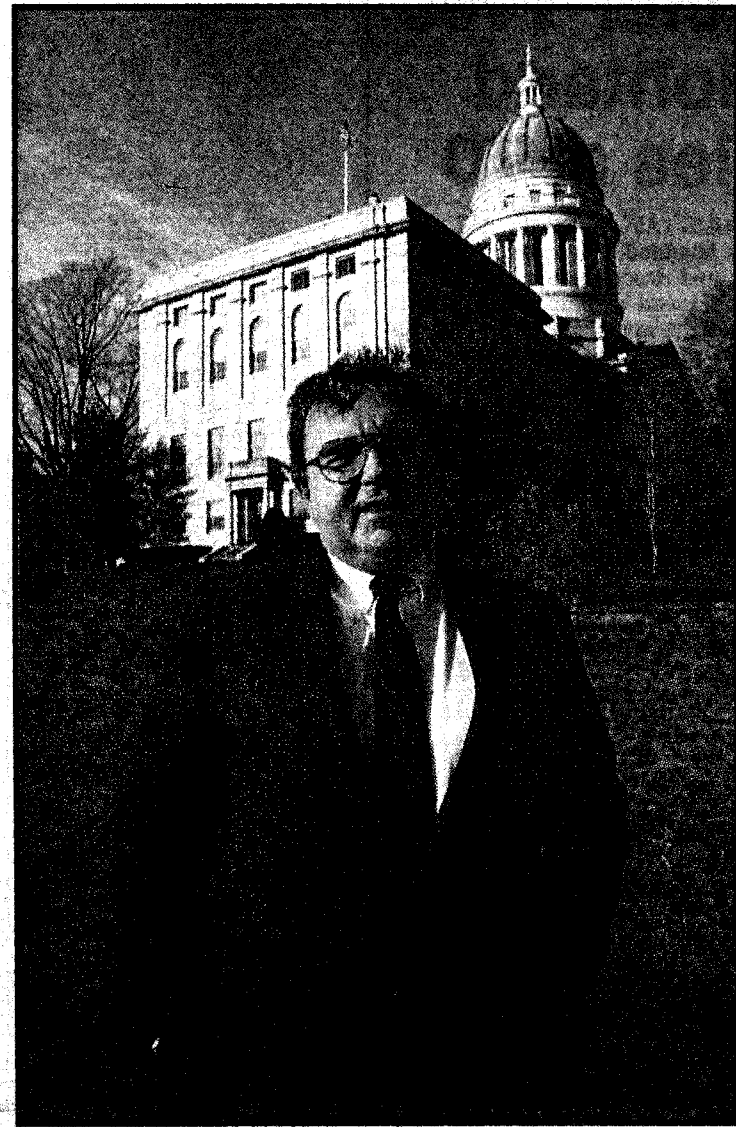


**Patricia Lafrance**  
Concerned about the future

wrong next?

State government expert Josephine Laplante, USM public policy professor, understands the fear.

"This time the reality finally is hitting home in a different way," she said. "People — like the Legislature, like the governor — were expecting this crisis to be temporary. Instead, it's a downward spiral."



**Anthony W. Buxton**  
We're at the end of living off the good old days

**Political will born in crisis**

# Letters to the editor *Sun Journal* 11-22-91

## Hunters don't respect nature

To the editor:

I take great pleasure in walking and hiking with my dog through Maine's abundance of forests. I find this pastime both enjoyable and relaxing. Unfortunately, with the onset of hunting season upon us again, I do not feel safe in doing this, so I stay off the trails, keep the dog on a leash and keep to the open areas myself. When this hunting season is over, I will return to the woods, the woods that are peaceful, beautiful and clean — or at least they were when I left them.

Already I see the signs as I drive by the trail heads. Why is it that hunters feel they can leave their trash all over the ground? Eyesores such as fast-food restaurant bags, cups and wrappers are all over the trails that hunters and we share. Not only is this bad for the environment, it could be harmful to other animals as well.

I do not understand the enjoyment people derive from hunting large or small animals, but I will be the first to defend any person's right to do so. However, maybe if hunters had a little more respect for the environment and other people's property, we would have a little more respect for the hunters.

Gillian Sanders  
Turner

## French-ban policy wrong

To the editor:

In regard to a recent front page Sun-Journal article (Nov. 16) about the so called "Ban" on French in the presence of non-French speakers at Bates College facilities placed upon French-speaking personnel, I wish to congratulate the college administration for ending this policy, and I wish to extend thanks to those who brought this into the public eye. I agree with statements describing the "ban" as "inappropriate" and "inconsistent with the college's standard of multi-culturism." I also agree with the statements made by certain Franco-American personnel such as "If people think we're talking about them, that's their problem" and "it's our tongue. . ."

As a Lewiston-born Franco-American, age 24, and as a wine and spirits marketing and oenology sciences professional, I do a great deal of international traveling, and come to the Lewiston-Auburn area between obligations to spend time with my family. I feel that I am one of the lucky few of these young Franco-Americans whose folks taught them to respect and revere their French heritage and to speak the language with pride.

All of this has, as one might well imagine, repaid me a thousand times over. Unfortunately, however, each of my visits to the Lewiston-Auburn area over the years has painfully pointed out to me that, for many reasons, Franco-Americans have experienced, mostly through their own fault, the slow and lingering death of their culture (many young Franco-Americans, for example, cannot speak the language or even understand it.) This represents the loss of a "gift" beyond price to the individual and the tragic "theft" of one of the region's (and indeed, one of our nation's) cultural treasures. Words cannot describe how sorrowful this makes me feel.

In my opinion, the situation that has existed at Bates, and that which the Franco-American personnel at the college have tolerated without reaction for so long, is only a symptom of a much greater sickness in the French community of North America that stretches back at least 400 years. A significant part of our heritage, I am sorry to say, has been that of originally escaping the sometimes miserable conditions of Old France only to be trodden upon and discriminated against by other groups that became dominant over the centuries in what was known at that time as New France (in which parts of Maine were included).

It is therefore understandable that nothing may have been said at first about the situation at Bates by the personnel involved because, especially in Maine, the specter of discrimination against the Franco-American population has been very strong in the past and still lingers today. Those officials responsible for the practice should be stiffly reprimanded and personnel members should be encouraged to stand up for their rights.

Fortunately this situation has come to the attention of Bates and into the public eye. I wish to congratulate the administrators of Bates College for ending such a discriminatory practice at one of our nation's finest institutions of higher learning. A thanks must also go out to those Franco-American Bates personnel who spoke out in the Sun-Journal article and to the Sun-Journal and the article's author. I also wish to extend a special thanks to those two Bates College students, Adam Spey and Nicole Bingham, who organized the effort to bring this to the attention of the proper authorities. They are a testimony to the extraordinary student body at Bates and their actions deserve the highest thanks of the entire Franco-American community.

Marc G.J.A. Michaud  
Auburn

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# Genetic problem haunts French

● A condition causing the liver to produce excessive cholesterol is passed from generation to generation.

By MEREDITH GOAD  
Staff Writer

MOSCOW — Camille Mary Ouellette Beane remembers that her father, Romeo Ouellette, died from a heart attack at the age of 43. Camille was 12 at the time.

Romeo Ouellette's mother, Clara Coulombe, died when she was only 40. One of his sisters died at 37. Three brothers died at 37, 47 and 55. Another brother, now 73, has undergone coronary bypass surgery.

The family carries familial hypercholesterolemia, a genetic condition that causes the liver, like an out-of-whack thermostat, to keep churning out more cholesterol than the body needs. It is a physiological time bomb that threatens an unknown number of families of French descent in New England and eastern Canada.

Camille Beane, with her rich French heritage, has inherited the cholesterol problem that clogged her father's arteries and those of countless ancestors before him. Her 12-year-old son, Glen, has Coulombe blood running through his veins and a cholesterol count above 250, far higher than the average for his age, 155.

It all began when French settlers first set foot on North American soil,

Glen Beane and his mother, Camille Beane, are vigilant about reading labels and to give up some of the treats o childhood, but they have become designed to treat their high chole



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Rick Ramseyer

Lovastatin made headlines last week when researchers at the University of Southern California confirmed that the drug, when combined with a low-fat diet, can reverse the fatty buildup in the arteries that leads to heart disease.

Lovastatin has plummeted from a high of 399 to about 220. trade name Mevacor. Her cholesterol-lowering drug sold under the takes niacin and lovastatin, a cholesterol-lowering drug sold under the

"There are more options for adults. ability to do something." them, but have had very limited about these kids, have worked with ster says, "Is that I have known pediatrician and a geneticist." Brew-

"The frustration I've had as a with this condition. and are not effective for children terol, they often have side effects

Although resins do lower cholesterol, they often have side effects and are not effective for children. These drugs bind the cholesterol in the intestine that comes out in the intestine with bile and prevent it from being recycled.

Some children with familial hypercholesterolemia, like Tom Charette and Glen Beane, can take cholesterol-lowering drugs called resins. of shocked," she says. "I felt in the high 200s. "I was kind cholesterol was abnormally elevated found out two years ago that her His 16-year-old sister, Sarah,

does his father. father also had high cholesterol, as and the other at age 42. His grand-

for more than 28 years. He was past high priest of St Paul's Chapter and past patron of the Hawthorne Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. Mr. Barker was also a member of the building corporation for 16 years

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ronald (Joleen) Howard of Brook Part, Ohio; a brother, George E. c Bath; and two granddaughters.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. at Stetson Funeral Home, 12 Federal St., with the Rev. Dr. William C. Imes officiating. Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery, Brunswick.

## Gilbert P. Cox

### Standish employee of year

STANDISH — Gilbert P. Cox, 75, of Route 25 died Friday at Maine Medical Center, Portland, following long illness.

He was born in Edmunds, a son of Bernard and Rutliff Smith Cox, and attended Edmunds High School.

# Franco-American regional cultural

Close to 3 million people of French heritage are living in New England. Yet their contributions have, with few exceptions, been overlooked by historical societies and other public-trust institutions, as well as by the public education system.

A new Franco-American regional cultural center recently opened in Manchester, N.H., is expected to be a visible force for more cultural understanding, says Aurore Dionne Eaton, consultant for the center.

Centre Franco-Americain is a non-profit organization. The center

was inaugurated on April 18, at 52 Concord St., in an historical building that's shared with the Association Canado-Américaine (ACA).

Eaton says the Centre's mission is to preserve the French heritage of communities in North America, which until recently has been hidden, as well as to promote the history, culture and art of these communities.

There's a 30,000-volume library at the Centre, an extension of the ACA collection started in 1918, with the purchase of books and other material from French-Canadian writer



**Juliana  
L'Heureux**

*Les Franco-Américains*

and folklorist Adelard Lambert. The accumulation of manuscripts, photographs and other documentation makes the Centre the largest

## center opens in New Hampshire

research center on Franco-American history and culture in the U.S.

Two books published by The University of Maine Press were presented to the library at the April inauguration.

● "Immigrant Odyssey: A French Canadian Habitant In New England," is an autobiographical narrative first published in 1909 by immigrant Felix Albert, of Lowell, Mass. He dictated his story to an anonymous writer, presumed to be a Catholic priest. It's one of only a few published diaries detailing French-Canadian life in New Eng-

land at the turn of the century.

● "Acadian Hard Times," by C. Stewart Doty, a history professor at the University of Maine, is a photographic collection from the Farmers Security Administration taken between 1940-1943 in Maine's St. John River Valley.

Several other Maine writers are featured at the Centre, including Gerard Robichaud of Auburn, Dennis Ledoux of Lisbon Falls, Susann Pelletier of Lewiston, and Jacqueline Giasson Fuller of Gorham.

The Centre considers contributions from other writers, if they live in New England and have a Franco-

American background. Of particular interest are manuscripts published in the last several years that present a French/ethnic point of view.

The Centre will periodically host artistic events and cultural programs that will communicate the French culture and heritage to the general population of New England. For more information, contact the Centre Franco-Americain, 52 Concord St., Manchester, N.H. 03101, or call (603)669-4045.

*Juliana L'Heureux can be reached at 7 River Road, Sanford, ME 04043, or by calling 324-7411.*

*Me. Sunday telegram*  
● STUDENTS PROTEST

### Bates drops prohibition against speaking French

LEWISTON — A decades-long practice of prohibiting French-speaking employees at Bates College from using that language when English speakers were present was lifted this

week after students protested last weekend.

The prohibition — which applied to cafeteria and maintenance workers, many of whom are from Lewiston's Franco-American community — had been in force for at least 10 years without the knowledge of Bates officials, the dean of the private liberal arts college said on Wednesday.

"We are proud beneficiaries of a Franco culture and language which has enriched this community for generations," said Bates President Donald Harward.

The ban, apparently enforced as a courtesy to English-speaking people who do not understand French, was not unusual in Maine.

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### **La Survivance speaker**

Irene Gondek of Covenant 50 will be the featured speaker at the monthly meeting of La Survivance Francaise, which will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Multi-Purpose Center on Birch Street, Lewiston, instead of Nov. 7 as originally scheduled. Gondek will present an overview of Covenant 50, a program for adults 50 and over, and the Lifeline Emergency response program. Refreshments will be served.

# Clover Health Care holds open house

By **MATTHEW KENNEY**  
Special to the Sun-Journal

AUBURN — Clover Health Care opened its doors Friday for the first of a two-day open house.

The public is invited to visit Clover's nursing home, hospice and congregate housing facilities Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cosmetic changes have been made to the nursing home and the hospice.

"In the nursing home basically what we did was try to lighten the interior and make more space available for use," said Clover Administrator Cindy Quinlan.

The nursing home has 120 beds — 34 in single rooms, the rest in doubles. "We usually run pretty full in the nursing home, about a 98.9 percent occupancy rate," she said.

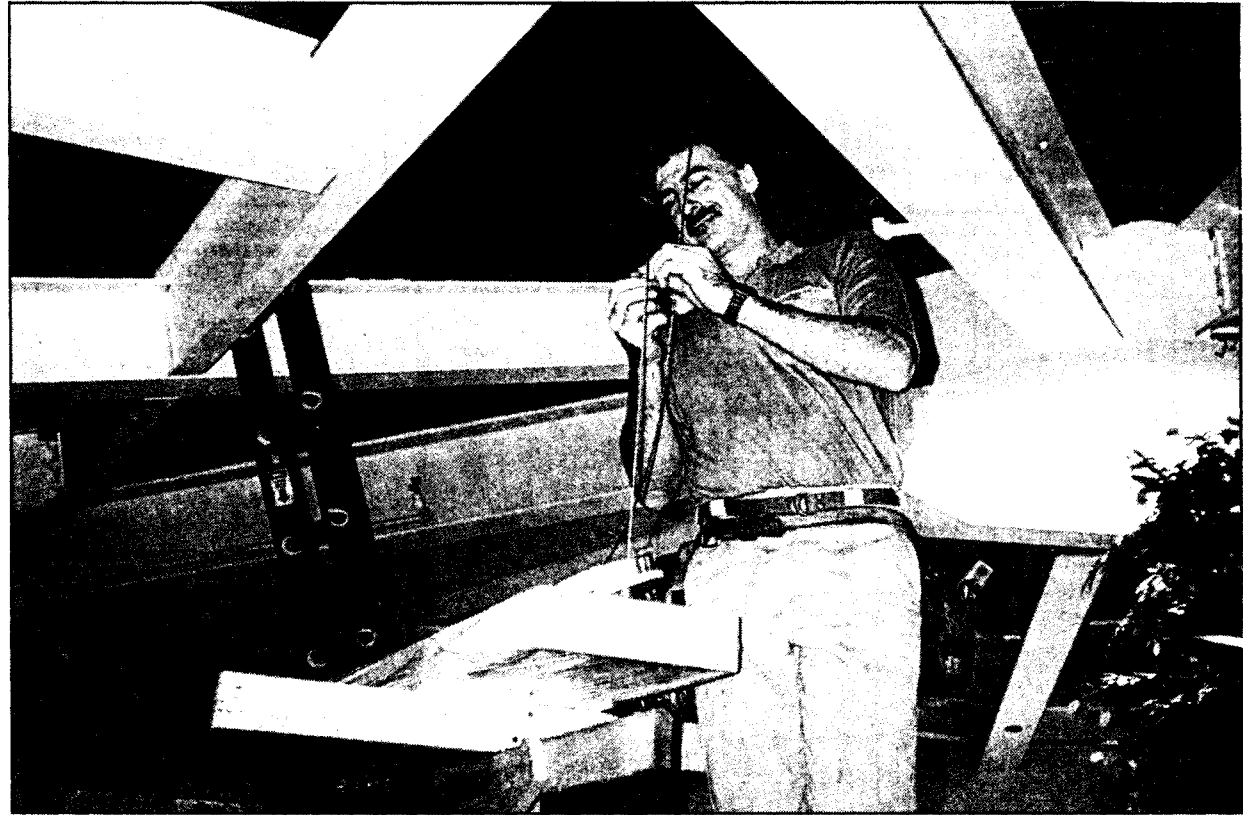
Painters and electricians were busy on Thursday putting the final touches on the renovations.

The most dramatic changes have occurred in the hospice. Five private rooms were added in July, bringing to 10 the number of rooms in the high-care facility.

Moreover, Quinlan noted, staffing in the hospice was upgraded so that a registered nurse is on duty 24 hours a day.

Hospice beds are for terminally ill patients. Quinlan outlined three criteria for admittance into the hospice program.

- The person must have a diagnosed disease — "which usually turns out to be cancer."
- A physician must have given the person a prognosis of six months or less to live.
- The applicant must understand that Clover "won't do life-prolonging



Paul Caron of Lewiston puts in a new lighting fixture at the Clover Health Care nursing home on Thursday.

The health care facility is holding an open house today to show off recent renovations.

MATTHEW KENNEY photo

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Three years ago a private citizen in Portland did make available two beds in his home to persons suffering with AIDS, a spokesperson for The AIDS Project in Portland reported. However, licensed medical care is not provided by the home's proprietors.

people that would not even have had any contact with the AIDS patient."

Quinlan added that "we had people from the neighborhood complain."

To Quinlan's knowledge, no resident of any of Clover's facilities has ever left because of its AIDS policy.

"Recently," she said, "it's not been an issue at all — I guess because

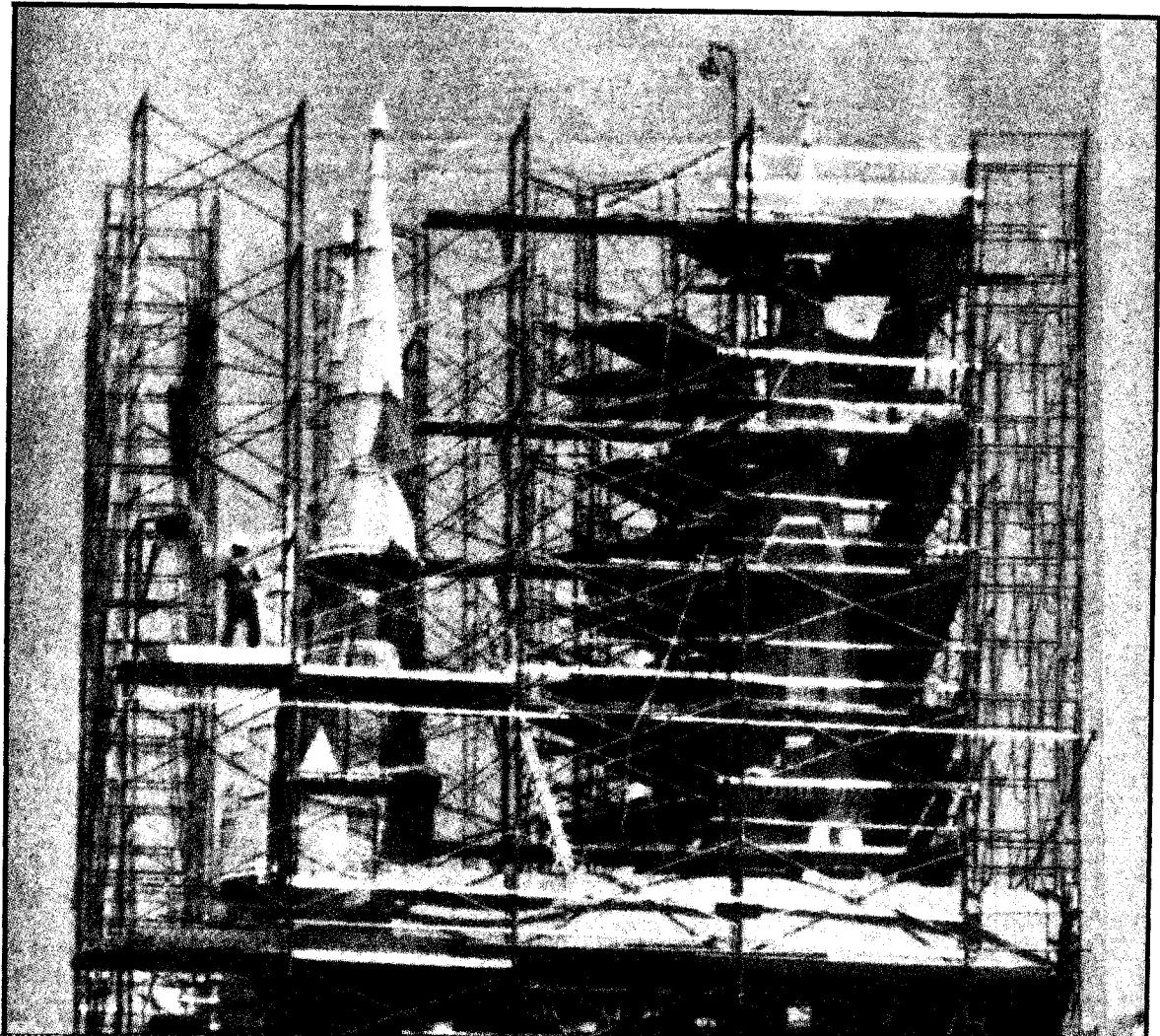
In addition to its in-patient services, Clover operates day-care programs for senior citizens and pre-schoolers.

The adult-day care program is licensed for six people and is subsidized by Medicaid and the Western Area Agency on Aging. "We provide some nursing care," said Quinlan, as



ice.  
Grenier will be responsible for all phases of government-liaison regulation and policy interpretation, disclosure-statement compliance, team leadership in negotiating, and assistance in developing pricing strategies in directing the contracts function. He will also manage and support commercial contracting. For the past four years, Grenier managed a staff of 14 as division manager of government and commercial contracts with Fiber Materials Inc., a high-technology manufacturer in Biddford.

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For more information, call 772-ys.  
On Residents' Tourist Day, firsthand what places they will visit around greater Portland and decide residents to familiarize themselves with the many attractions in and m-



## Steeple from 1F

the process, he said.

The complexity of the job prompted DICON to hire Triple G Scaffolding of Hanover, Mass., to engineer and erect the staging, which Morrison said can hold 25 pounds per square foot. As DICON finishes other projects around the state, Morrison plans to assign additional workers to Saints Peter and Paul. However, the staging can only accommodate a limited number of workers, he says, adding, "I'd like to put more (up there) but I don't dare."

The project, started earlier this spring, will take at least a year and maybe longer, depending on the extent of the damage. "You never (know how serious the damage is) till you open it up," Morrison says. "You can be cruising along and then you might get bogged down," Stone says.

While the time frame for finishing the job remains uncertain, "It would be awful nice if a year from now that staging was over on this side," Morrison says, referring to the tower closest to Bartlett Street.

## A leaky history

Ed Leveque, who is heading up the capital campaign, says the church's spired towers began leaking almost from the day it was built back in the 1930s. The water seepage took its toll on the church interior, ruining the ceilings.

A lack of regular maintenance made the problems worse until parishioners, about three years ago, heard a stark warning: start making substantial repairs within three years or within a short time the church will have to be torn down.

Church officials actually considered demolishing the landmark, admits Leveque. But when estimates for razing the structure came back at \$1.5 million, the Parish Council and pastor figured why not spend at least that much to save the church, Leveque says.

"It's a monument" to the hard-working people who sacrificed to give the money \$800,000 to build it, says Leveque. Aside from its religious significance, the Gothic church also has immeasurable historic value, he says.

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## Parisiens from 1C

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But the respite was brief.  
The Parisien children, just re-  
turned from training with the United

"The team will be officially named a week before the Olympics, so a skier could qualify in the last race," Julie noted. "Most of the team should be set by then, but the final few places could be last-minute (picks), which makes every race important."

tour then set the stage for the World Cup finals at Waterville Valley, N.H., last March. Against the best skiers in the world, Parisien scored her biggest win with a gold-medal run in the GS for the first World Cup victory by an American woman since 1987.

This stunning performance at



The skiing Parisiens of Auburn — Julie (front, center), Anna (left) and Rob — enjoyed a rare respite together at their family home last month before heading to Switzerland to continue their training in their Olympic quests. Each hopes to land a spot on the United States Team for the Winter Games at Albertville, France. KATHY SNOW/Sunday photographer

# Endless winter

## Parisiens, apace, follow the snow as they chase the Olympic dream

By DAVE IRONS  
Special to **Sunday**

AUBURN — For most Maine skiers, the season of winter passion is still a Thanksgiving holiday away. For the Parisien family, though, the season is already under way, and at a furious pace. There are just too many stops on the way to Albertville, France, and the Winter Olympics to sit and wait for the snow to fall outside their

Young's Corner Road home.

The skiing Parisien siblings — Julie, 19; Rob, 18; and Anna, 17 — have had precious little time to enjoy as a family between training trips. Last month was just such a rare time as the children returned to visit with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Victor Parisien, a stone's throw from where it all began for them: at the tiny hometown ski

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## U.S. SKIING



## INFO GUIDE

Auburn's Julie Parisien rated the cover of the 1992 United States Skiing Info Guide (above).

officially Feb. 2.

The current standings indicate Julie Parisien will be on the team, and if she continues the way she finished last season she could be a favorite for a medal. Rob has an excellent shot; if the team were named today he probably would be on it.

Anna faces long odds. There are a lot more top skiers on the women's team than among the men, and some of them will have to be bumped for the youngest Parisien to make the trip to Albertville in February. Diann Roffe and Monique Pelletier, for example, are both on schedule after injuries sidelined them a year ago. Both are veteran "A" team members. To put it in perspective, there

are only three men on the "A" team compared to nine women. That places a lot of skiers ahead of any woman trying to fight her way up.

On the positive side, while several skiers are close to automatic selections, the last few places on the Olympic team will not be decided until after the results of the last World Cup races before the Olympics. That gives any skier who gets hot and puts together a string of high finishes, or victories, a chance to make the team. It also means skiers peaking at the right time have a shot.

Dave Irons is a free-lance writer and photographer who works in Westbrook.



Auburn's Julie Parisien looks to be a lock for the U.S. Olympic ski team at Albertville, France.

DAVE SPENCER photo



Photo by Russ Dillingham/Sun-Journal

Carpenter Jim Murphy helps Emily Geismar, second-grader at St. Joseph's School, with her reading. Standing: Larry Marcoux, director of L-A Council on Transitions, and Dr. Helen Greenwood, dean at L-A

College, share a newspaper while Steve Peters of United Parcel Service looks on and Brant Grieshaber, junior at St. Dominic Regional High School, reads a book.

## 'Keep on learning' is the message from L-A's Aspirations Compact

"Invest in people today to be competitive in the 21st

After a series of discussions that included parents.

Aspirations  
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paign with the message "Education is everybody's business" was recent.



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RUSS DILLINGHAM/Sun-Journal

School kindergarten students listen intently as President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush chat with them during the first visit to the school on Tuesday. The Lewiston students pictured are Billy Burke, Amy LeBlanc, Isaac Roy, Brandon Hinck-

ley, Michaela Harper, Amanda Bergeron, Aaron Boucher, Malory Carpenter, Aimee Cedergren and Brock Reynolds. Also shown is teacher's aide Jean Coolidge. The president later visited Lewiston High School, where he praised the Lewiston

school system's recent achievements. Bush's 2½-hour appearance marked the first time in 25 years that a serving president spoke in Lewiston, and apparently the only visit in this century by a Republican president. More on pages 5, 8.





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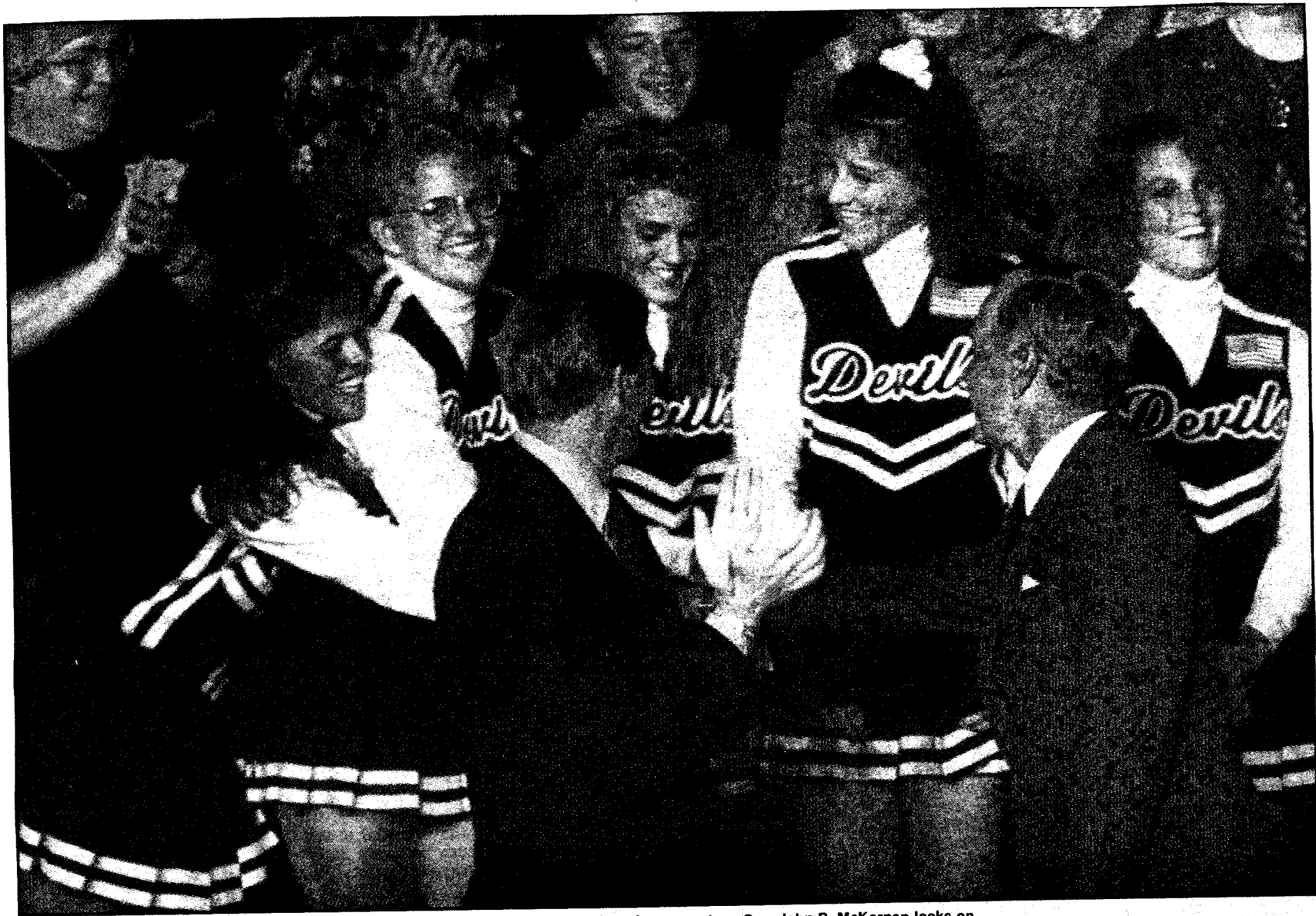
#### Staying after school

After meeting with youngsters in class at Lewiston's Farwell School, President Bush stayed on for a round table discussion with local educators. In photo above, Bush shakes hands with Sherri Hart, who teaches first grade, as Lewiston Superintendent Robert V. Connors looks on. At right, the president talks with Susan Martin, principal of Farwell.

RUSS BELLINGHAM/Sun Journal







President George Bush turns to shake hands with Lewiston High cheerleaders, from left, Cindy Berube, Tracey Despres, Yvette Parent, Jennifer LaRoche and Staci Mich-  
aud, as Gov. John R. McKernan looks on.

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CHUCK REICH

# GRAD

*We Proudly Salute these Graduating*

CONGRATULATIONS

**Laurie Bilodeau**

Lewiston Junior High School  
Class of 1991



Love, Dad, Mom  
and Jeff

CONGRATULATIONS

**Scott W. Stuart**

University of Maine at Orono  
Class of 1991



May you realize your fondest dream.  
Go for it! Love Mom & Dad

CONGRATULATIONS

**Timothy S. Smith**

Plymouth State College  
Class of 1991



We are proud of you!  
Love, Mom and Dad

CONGRATULATIONS

**Wendy Hood**

St. Dom's Reg. High School  
Class of 1991



Love, Dad & Mom

CONGRATULATIONS

**Rick A. Mercier**

Edward Little High School  
Class of 1991



Love, Mom, Dad, Amy, Rene,  
Bob, Kim, Nickolas

CONGRATULATIONS

**Jennifer L. Cote**

Edward Little High School  
Class of 1991



Love, Dad, Mom,  
Mandy and Lorrie

CONGRATULATIONS

**Linda L. Clavette**

Lewiston High School  
Class of 1991



Welcome to the real world!  
We Luv Ya!

CONGRATULATIONS

**Chad Roberts**

Leavitt High School  
Class of 1991



We are so proud of you!  
Love, Mom, Dad and Family

CONGRATULATIONS

**Michelle M. Duchette**

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We Love You!


# ADS



## Seniors from the Class of 1991!

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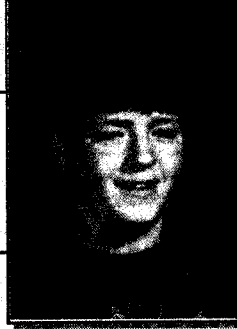
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Lewiston Junior High School  
Class of 1995



Love, Uncle Ronnie,  
Aunt Linda, Jeff & Laurie

**CONGRATULATIONS**


**Randy S. Gervais**  
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Class of 1995



Aim high and go for it!  
Love Mom, Dad and Kids

**CONGRATULATIONS**


**Andre Albert**  
Holy Cross School  
Class of 1995



Surprise and Congratulations!!  
Love, Mom, Denise & Michael

**CONGRATULATIONS**


**Andrea Bruno**  
Edward Little High School  
Class of 1991



Today's the day the teddy bears  
have their picnic!  
Love, Mom and Roger

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Angela B. Stuart**  
Oak Hill High School  
Class of 1991



So proud of you Angel!  
Best of everything always.  
Love, Mom and Dad

**CONGRATULATIONS**


**Lisa Shaw**  
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Class of 1991



Love, Dad and Mom

**CONGRATULATIONS**


**Amy L. Fox**  
Lewiston High School  
Class of 1991



Congratulations!  
Love, Mom and Dad

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Jeff R. Bilodeau**  
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Class of 1991



Love, Dad, Mom  
& Laurie

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Shelly Ann Chapman**  
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Class of 1991



Love, Dad, Mom  
and Gia

CONGRATULATIONS

**Cheryle A. Frechette**  
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Class of 1991



We are so proud of the special  
young lady you've become.  
Love, Dad, Mom, Dani and Megan

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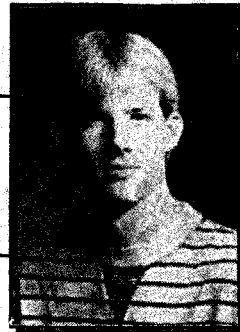
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Love, Mum and Jim

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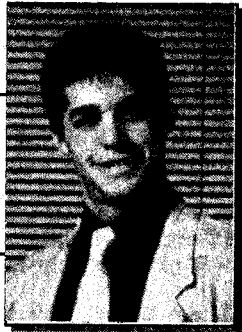
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Class of 1991



Wishing You The Best!  
Love, Dad, Mom and Keith

CONGRATULATIONS

**Rodney D. Gendron**  
Lewiston High School  
Class of 1991



Good Luck at Ohio State!  
Love, Mom, Dad and Stacie

CONGRATULATIONS

**Darcie Labrecque**  
Lewiston High School  
Class of 1991



Love, Derek, Jessie, Kyle,  
Craig, Jacob and Kassie

CONGRATULATIONS

**Melissa A. Porter**  
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You have made us very proud  
and we love you very much.  
Love, Mom, Dad and Joey

CONGRATULATIONS

**Robyn Gagné**  
Oxford Hills High School  
Class of 1991



Love, Dad and Deb

CONGRATULATIONS

**Willy Wilcox**  
Lewiston High School  
Class of 1991



Proud of you - Good Luck!  
Mrs. Caron

CONGRATULATIONS

**Nicole M. Beatrice**  
Edward Little High School  
Class of 1991



We Love You and Are  
Proud Of You!

CONGRATULATIONS

**Sue Begin**  
Leavitt Area High School  
Class of 1991



Love, Dad, Mom  
and Tammy

CONGRATULATIONS

**Jamie Caron**  
St. Dominic Regional H. S.  
Class of 1991



With respect and pride  
and much love, Mom and Dad

CONGRATULATIONS

**Duane D. Trask**

Jay High School  
Class of 1991



Love, Dad, Mom,  
Sara, Katie, Amanda & Darci

CONGRATULATIONS

**Jason Greenlaw**

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Class of 1991



We are proud of you and love you  
lots. Dad, Mom, Julie & Dozer

CONGRATULATIONS

**Tammy Estes**

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Class of 1991



Love, Dad, Mom & Joe

CONGRATULATIONS

**Melissa Lynn Long**

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Class of 1991



We're Really Proud of You!!  
Love, Dad, Mom, Ernie & Nathan

CONGRATULATIONS

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Congratulations!  
Love, Dad, Mom, Leah & Joey

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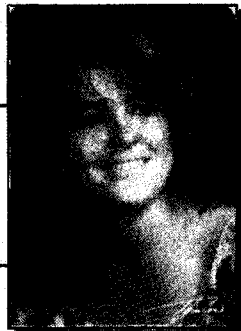


Love, Mom and Dad

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**Lisa Toussaint**

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Love Always, Mom, Dad,  
David, Missy and Amy

CONGRATULATIONS

**Tracie Girouard**

Lewiston High School  
Class of 1991



Love, Mom and Dad

CONGRATULATIONS

**Michael L. Soucy**

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Love, Mom, Dad,  
Sisters and Brothers

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Dirigo High School  
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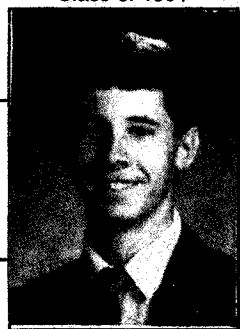


Love Ya, Babe!  
Gary

CONGRATULATIONS

**Marc A. Lepage**

St. Dom's Regional H. S.  
Class of 1991



We Love You!  
Mom, Dad and Andrea

CONGRATULATIONS

**Thomas Mazza**

Mountain Valley High School  
Class of 1991



With All Our Love, Dad, Mom,  
Brothers Adam, Anthony & Sal

CONGRATULATIONS

**Sarah Lynn Chapman**

Edward Little High School  
Class of 1991



Love, Dad, Mom & Gia

CONGRATULATIONS

**Shawn C. Johnson**

Oak Hill High School  
Class of 1991



Love and Best Wishes for the  
Future. Dad, Mom & Mike

CONGRATULATIONS

**Angela Fontaine**

Lewiston High School  
Class of 1991



Congratulations! We Love You,  
Mom, Dad, Crystal

CONGRATULATIONS

**Lisa A. Lalonde**

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Class of 1991



Love, Dad, Mom,  
Matthew, Eric (Navy) & Marian

CONGRATULATIONS

**Rose M. Wilson**

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Very Proud of You!  
Love, Larry & Shawna

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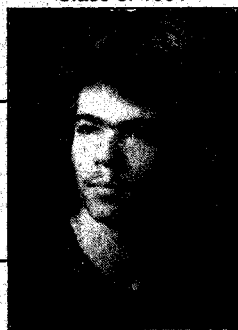


Love, Dad, Mom  
and Cindy

CONGRATULATIONS

**Paul Butler**

Edward Little High School  
Class of 1991



Phew! To the OYT Man!  
Love, Mom

CONGRATULATIONS

**Deana S. Phillips**

Mountain Valley High School  
Class of 1991



Love, Mom and Dad

CONGRATULATIONS

**Reino D. Kahkonen**

Oxford Hills High School  
Class of 1991



We're so proud of you!  
Love, Mom, Jim and "Gram"

CONGRATULATIONS

**Karen Landry**

St. Dominic Regional H. S.  
Class of 1991



Love, Mom, Carla,  
Angela and Jake

CONGRATULATIONS

**Eric Samson**

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Class of 1991



Love, Dad, Mom  
and Mark. Congratulations!!

CONGRATULATIONS

**Jason Gagne**

Lewiston High School  
Class of 1991



Great Job! Proud of you!  
Nana & Gramps



CONGRATULATIONS

**Melissa Fontaine**

Lewiston High School  
Class of 1991



Congratulations! We Love You,  
Mom, Dad, Crystal

CONGRATULATIONS

**Sue M. Couture**

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Class of 1991



Love, Dad, Mom, Laurie,  
Sylvia and Cindy

CONGRATULATIONS

**Jessica Nelson**

Edward Little High School  
Class of 1991



"As If"  
Love and Cheers, Your Friend,  
Mom, XXOO

CONGRATULATIONS

**Kristi Francoeur**

Lewiston High School  
Class of 1991



Great Job Sweetie  
Love Ya - Mom and Dad

CONGRATULATIONS

**Lori Lamoreau**

Lewiston High School  
Class of 1991



Love, Mom, Dad,  
Todd and Eric

CONGRATULATIONS

**Doreen A. Pennini**

Buckfield High School  
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Love, Mom and Richard

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**Michelle Gayton**

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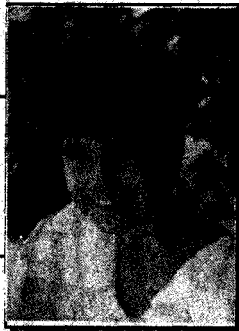


Love, Dad, Mom  
and Donnie

CONGRATULATIONS

**Melissa Tremblay**

Oak Hill High School  
Class of 1991



We're proud you're #1!  
Love, Mom, Dad and James

CONGRATULATIONS

**Trudy Newton**

Leavitt Area High School  
Class of 1991



Love, Janie and Alfred

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We're so proud of you!  
Love, Mom and Dad

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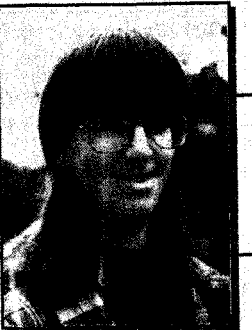


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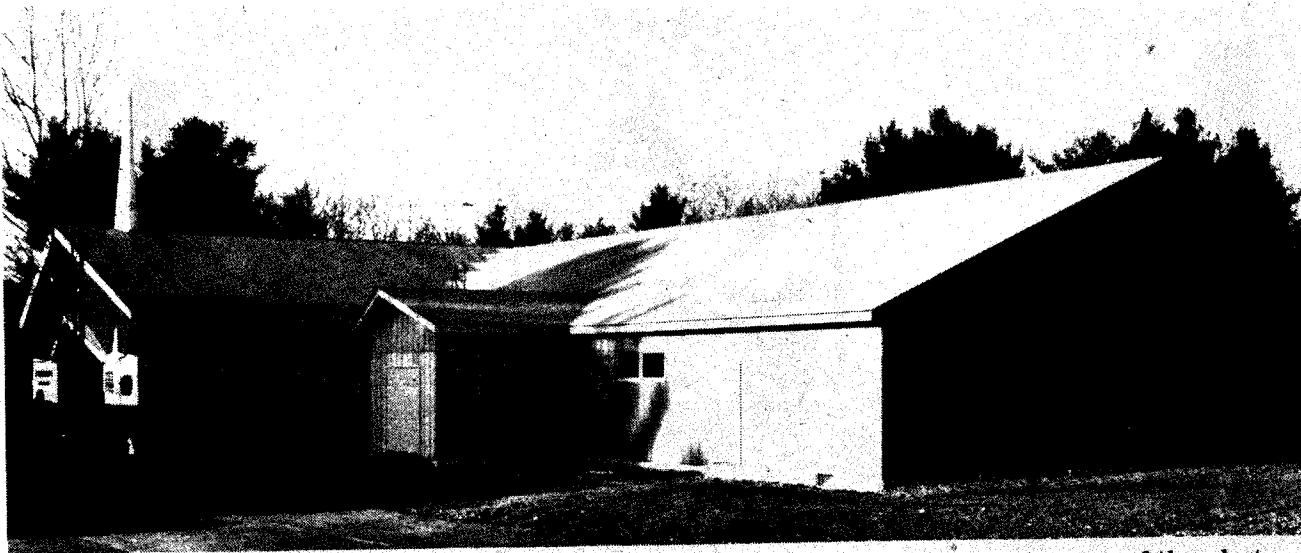
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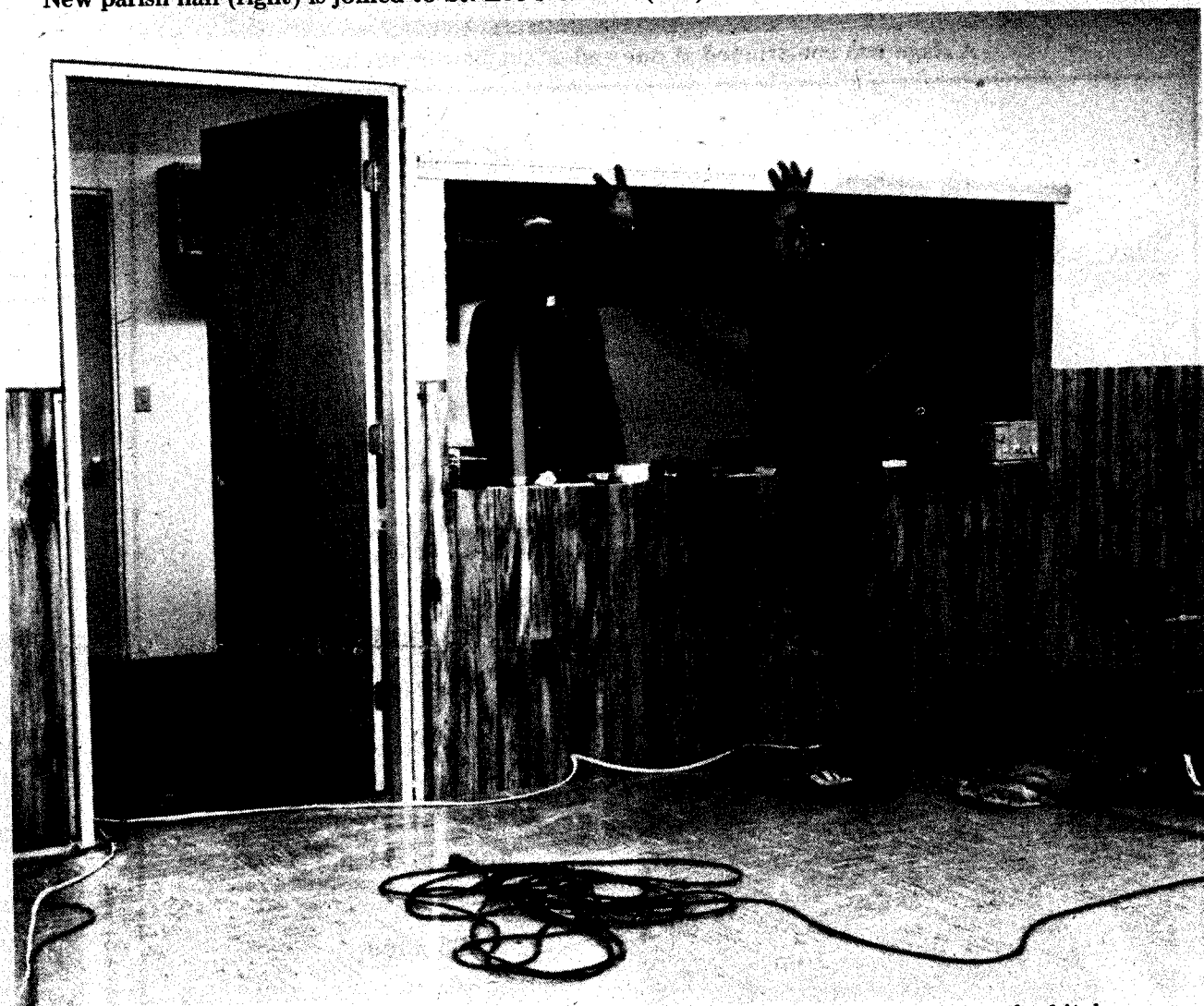


Your Our #1 Grad!  
Love, Mom and Dad

# Parish Hall dedicated in Litchfield



New parish hall (right) is joined to St. Leo's Church (left) with entrance in the center of the photo.



Father Martel watches Royce Dyer, general contractor, put the finishing touches to the kitchen area.



Our Lady of  
the Rosary  
Church in  
Sabattus.

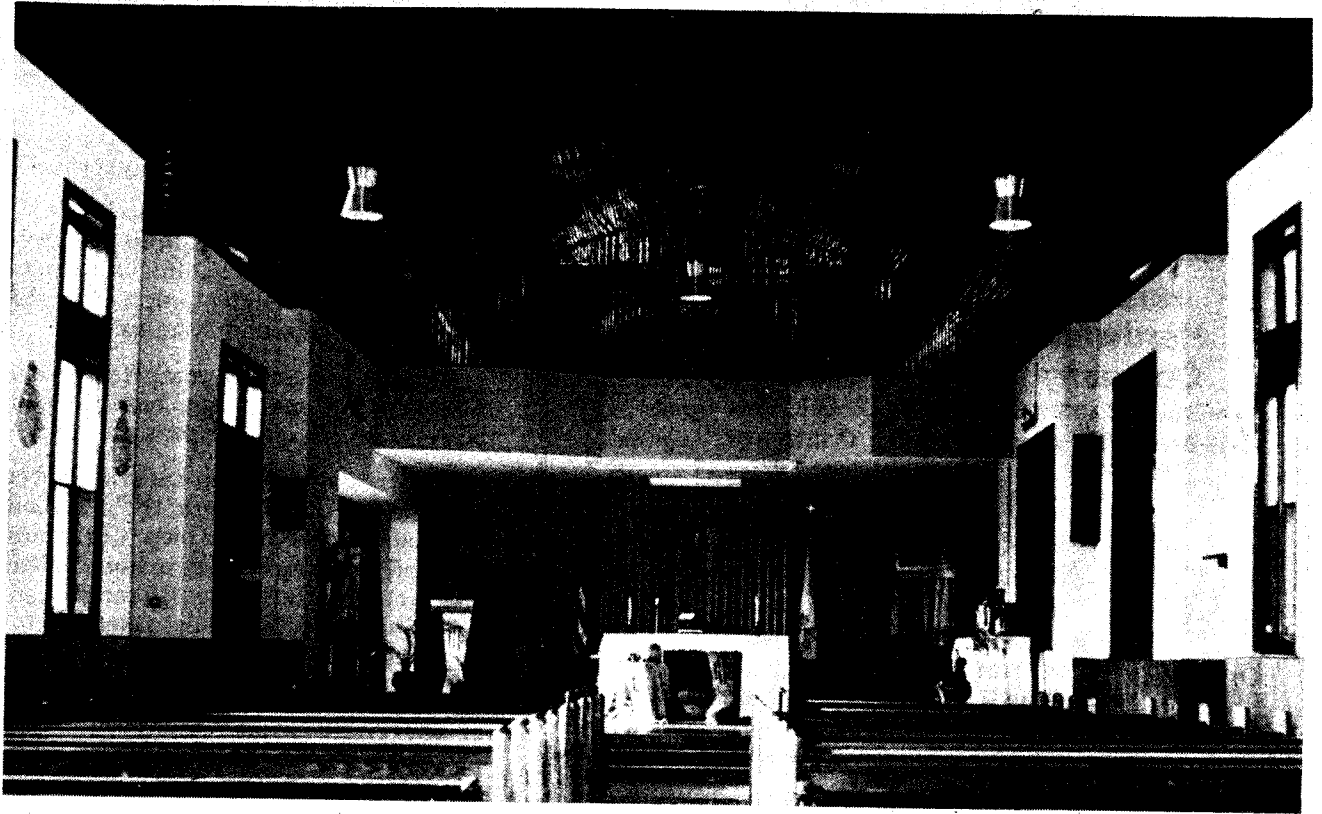


Parents are very supportive of their parochial school, pledging to keep it open. Sr. Marguerite Gregoire, OP, prioress, substitutes as teacher of 7th-8th graders.



Norman Lebel, council president; Sr. Monica Dubois, OP, principal; Sister Anne Levesque, OP, Director of Religious Education; and Fr. Richard St. Cyr, pastor.

## **Week: Our Lady of the Rosary, Sabattus**



Interior of Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

San-Journal July 14, 1991

## Ledoux chosen arts caucus head

LISBON FALLS - Denis Ledoux of Lisbon Falls has been chosen to serve as facilitator of the Maine state caucus when the Association of American Cultures meets in Amherst for its New England Regional Forum on July 18 and 19, 1991. The Washington-based Association of American Cultures is the country's largest membership service organization dedicated to preserving the ethnic arts and cultures of the United States.

Denis Ledoux is a fiction writer whose work is largely set in the Franco-American community of Southern Maine. Most recently, he edited *Lives in Translation: An Anthology of Contemporary*



Denis Ledoux

*Franco-American Writings*. This collection, the only one of recent Franco fiction and poetry available, has been adopted for use in schools and colleges to portray the Franco experience.

# Old photos celebrate Franco-Americans

**F**ranco-Americans at St. Ignatius Parish in Sanford are enjoying a small walk down memory lane, thanks to the dedicated work of parishoner Gerard Lamontagne, who spent months working on a special exhibit to kick off the church's centennial celebration year.

The collection of more than 400 photographs, many of them borrowed, and historical information dating back to 1890, is temporarily on display in the parish gymnasium on River Street in Sanford.

Lamontagne, 66, a Sanford native, is keenly interested in collecting photographs about Franco-American history. "I'm afraid it's soon to be forgotten unless we preserve it," he says.

He began collecting for the exhibit last September, at the request of Pastor Raymond Auger.

During the 1880s, Sanford's Franco-American Catholics worshiped on Main Street at the home of Henri Gauthier. Their first resident priest was Father Alexandre Dugre, who was then pastor of Springvale's Catholic Church.

In 1889, Dugre leased the former Sanford Baptist Church, on Church Street in Sanford, for the rapidly-growing number of residents who needed more space to worship. Dugre, and his assistant, Father Denoncourt, traveled between Sanford and Springvale to serve both communities.

In 1892, Dugre encouraged four Franco-Americans to petition Portland's Bishop Healey for a resident pastor. Mathias Laliberte, Maurice Guillemette, Honore Demers, and Telesphore Demers went to Portland. Within a month of the request, the bishop sent an Irish priest, Rev. Michael J. Healey (no relation to the Bishop), to be the first pastor.

For the historical display, Lamontagne says he visited people all over York County in an exhaustive effort to collect as much information as possible. Countless hours were spent researching the authenticity of every picture and article, verifying names and dates by cross-referencing items in local libraries, and with the Sanford Historical Committee, of which he's a member.



**Juliana L'Heureux**

## Les Franco-Américains

There's also memorabilia from St. Ignatius High School, which includes a "then-and-now" photograph of the girls' basketball coach, Barbara Caouette, as well as year books, newspaper clippings, and team and class pictures that go back as early as 1911.

Boys' coach George "Choc" Doiron, who died last year, is remembered with a special dedication photograph.

Lamontagne was helped with the exhibit by parishoners Jean Pease, Rita Maillot, Norma Beland, Lucille Farrell, Mary Norbert and Jim Gallagher.

He's still looking for more historical information, and says he'll travel anywhere in Maine to get it. Anyone with Franco-American historical photographs to loan or donate can call him at home in Sanford at 324-2270.

— Juliana L'Heureux can be reached at 7 River Road, Sanford, ME 04073, or by calling 324-7494.

## COMING HOME

### Navy Petty Officer Richard D.

**Burnham**, who served aboard the USS Acadia in the Persian Gulf since September, will return to his Raymond home Thursday. A graduate of Windham High School, he is the son of William and Carolyn Burnham of Raymond.

**If you have** a friend or family member returning from Persian Gulf duty, we'd like to share the homecoming with our readers. Call our Yes Desk at 780-9000 or 1-800-442-6036 with the name of the service member, date of arrival, rank, branch of service, unit,



# Local news

Thursday, June 11, 1992

## L/A artists make pitch for ethnic support

By ADAM FIFIELD  
Special to the Sun-Journal

LEWISTON — The Twin Cities' art community lacks support for traditional Franco-American and other ethnic cultures and for the early art education of children, according to local and state artists who attended a regional meeting Wednesday night sponsored by the Maine Arts Commission.

"I have to go to New York to learn French-Canadian step dancing, and I find that a bit ironic," said Cyndi Laroque, a Lewiston native and art publicist for Bates College.

Laroque said the commission and local art organizations should encourage the re-emergence of traditional ethnic groups, namely the Franco-Americans.

Franco-American author Denis Ledoux complained about the lack of Franco-Americans on the board of the Maine Arts Commission. "Whenever you place a different group of people in a custodial position over a group they know little about, it doesn't work. That's how I feel about the Maine Arts Commission," he said.

Ledoux recommended instituting a quota of Maine Arts Commission members. "Maine is 30 percent Franco-American. Thirty percent of the arts commission should be Franco-American," he said.

But quota systems will serve to segregate the arts community, according to Peter Frewen, director of the Maine Music Society. "You'll get bogged down in a numbers game. Fifty percent of people in the state of Maine don't care about the arts at all. Should those people comprise half the board?" he asked.

Concentrating resources and funding for art education and exposing children to art ranked as a priority among those attending.

Brian Franck, a music teacher at St. Peter's and Holy Cross schools, said, "Funding from the arts commission occurs at the adult level and trickles down. In order to create a more culturally literate society, it is essential to expose children to arts in their younger years."

Rep. Jim Handy, D-Lewiston, expressed support for early education. "We all know that football is not cut first and that arts programs are always the first to go. Schools need to consider the arts a priority."

Handy emphasized, however, that it is first the responsibility of local school boards to fund art programs. "I do feel art education is important and I think the arts commission should fund programs to some extent."

Laroque said in one program at the college, for instance, Bates students learned French-Canadian step dancing from a Franco-American dancer and consequently taught their techniques to children in area grade schools. "It was special because these college students were teaching their younger peers the value of artistic culture and also the Franco-American traditions of their grandparents," she said.

Ledoux added, "public schools are only one way of reaching the kids regarding arts. You can reach kids outside of school as well."

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## Singing cowboy



Roger Michaud

TOM JONES photo

## Moon Dawgs musician cuts country album

By LINNEA ANDERSON  
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LEWISTON — Le "cowboy" Franco-American.

Ever hear of Mitch Rodgers, the country-western singer?

Peel off the cowboy boots and hat and you'll find Rodgers is Lewiston's Roger Michaud, owner of American Stabilis. He has decided to come out of the closet. Not just any closet. The cowboy closet.

Michaud recently cut a country-western album, "Closet Cowboys," which will be released in New England and Canada in the next few weeks. Depending on the public reaction to this album, he may release it nationwide.

Not one to rest on his potential success, Michaud is looking ahead. He has already written three songs for his next album.

This new twist in Michaud's career "is exactly where I want to be," he says.

Where he has been for most of the past 44 years is Maine. Born and raised in Lewiston, he chose Vermont for college at Saint Michael's College, before moving in 1970 to Washington D.C. for studies at Georgetown University Law School.

By 1975, Michaud was back in Lewiston with a new business — American Stabilis — a venture in heating controls. But he never left behind his love of music, which he developed in the '60s with his band the Moon Dawgs.

The Moon Dawgs began touring again about five years ago and cut an album in 1990. But this year, Michaud made a departure from the group's traditional rock 'n' roll, moving west to country.

He said he did not feel any resistance from people in the music business to the idea of a country singer from New England.

"Country music doesn't stop at the Mason-

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Convention immerses aficionados  
in organ concerts, lectures, field trips



The Organ Historical Society photo

The convention will feature a concert at Saint Peter and Paul Church, on Maine's largest pipe organ.

## Staying ORGANIZED

By BOB NISS  
Staff Writer

**W**hether tucked into small-town churches or towering over the altars of huge cathedrals, southern Maine's historic organs are about to undergo a level of attention they've never known.

The occasion is the national convention of the Organ Historical Society, a 36-year-old organization devoted to fostering interest in American organs and organ building.

The convention begins Sunday with a 7:30 p.m. recital in the Bates College Chapel in Lewiston. By the time it ends next Saturday, the 275 conventioners will

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**They've been building** organs in New England since early in the 19th century. **7C**

**For a complete schedule** of organ recitals, from Sunday, Aug. 16 through Saturday, Aug. 22, see page **7C**.

have participated in nearly 40 additional recitals, several field trips and lectures, countless informal brainstorming sessions and an annual meeting.

To the public, the convention affords a chance to hear plenty of music, whether on large, familiar instruments or on

smaller, lesser-known instruments like the elegant L.C. Tilton organ in Leeds' Community Church.

The organs themselves will receive a level of attention even greater than when the society last held its convention in Maine in 1963.

"In 1963, the larger organs weren't given as much attention. The focus was on the old, smaller organs," said David Wallace of Gorham, general chairman of the convention. "The OHS has broadened its scope since then. The change is part of the evolution of the OHS. It's a significant and wonderful change."

Wallace, curator of Portland City Hall's massive Kotzschmar Memorial Organ,

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recalls that instrument being given a cursory, half-hour look by convention-goers in 1963. It will be the focal point of a full concert this time.

Yet the main purpose of the convention, said Brian Franck of Auburn, who will play the centerpiece recital Wednesday in Lewiston, is "to hear, enjoy, experience, observe and be fascinated by the examples of the Colonial-type organ-building craft that exists in much of Maine."

"We have perhaps the widest variety of extant, historical organs in the country," said Wallace. "That's one reason we got the convention."

The convention will be headquartered at several Lewiston hotels and the annual meeting will be held at Bates College. But conventioners will spend much of their time on the road, attending recitals at large and small churches, on college campuses, in Portland City Hall and at two private residences equipped with historic organs (those two will

not be open to the public).

WEDNESDAY'S centerpiece concert will find Franck at the keyboard of the 1938 Casavant Freres organ, the largest pipe organ in Maine, in Lewiston's Church of Saints Peter and Paul.

His program will include works by Jean Langlais, Florent Schmitt, Louis Vierne, Julian Reubke, J.S. Bach, Gustav Mahler and Herbert Howells.

Franck's performance will be one of six evening concerts during the convention, including a Tuesday program on the Kotzschmar Organ by Robert Love and a concert next Thursday by Henry Hokans at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Portland.

Among the daytime concerts will be a Wednesday program at the 1848 Erben organ in Turner's Village Church by Brian Jones. Jones' great-uncle was organist at the church for 66 years.

The oldest organ that will be played during a public recital is the 1847 E.&G.G. Hook instrument in the Community Church of Stockton

Springs. It will be played on the convention's final day by George Bozeman, accompanied on flute by Drian Dyker.

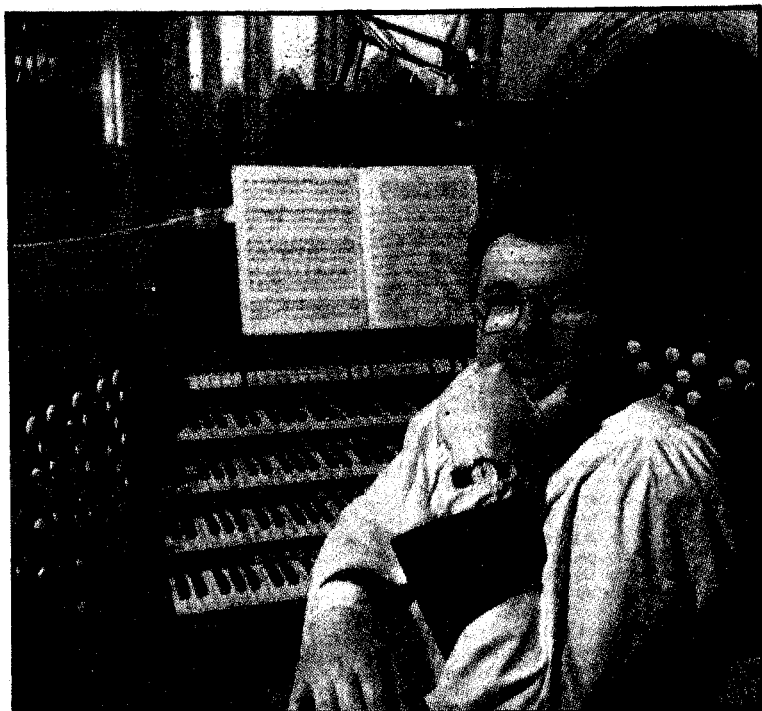
FRANCK HOPES the convention will inspire the public to take a closer look at the area's historic organs, and not just those in their own communities.

"I suspect a lot of local people will come to the recitals in their parish churches," he said. "As far as people crossing denominational lines to attend other programs, I don't know. I hope they will. There are a lot of exceptional instruments here."

Reservations are not necessary for the free, public concerts.

Anyone can register to participate in all or part of the convention, though people who are not members of the Organ Historical Society must become members to register. Costs for single-day registration range from \$59 for Monday to \$79 for Wednesday and next Thursday.

Call Wallace at 839-6291, Franck at 782-5241 or the society's office in Richmond, Va., at 804-353-9226 for more information.



S-J 8-14-92 Brian Franck

Part of national convention:

## Franck to present pipe organ concert

LEWISTON — Among the many recitals taking place during the week long national convention of the Organ Historical Society, six organists will have the distinction and privilege of playing major evening performances for the 275 conventioners coming from all over the United States to Lewiston. Brian Franck of Auburn has been invited to present a concert on the great Casavant pipe organ in the upper church of SS. Peter and Paul, corner of Ash and Bartlett Streets in Lewiston. The performance has been scheduled for Wednesday evening, Aug. 19, beginning at 8 p.m.

"This, quite probably, will be the most important performance of my career," said Franck, citing the fact that those attending the convention represent the most sophisticated and astute connoisseurs of organ music in the nation.

segment of the program will be Louis Vierne's version of Clair de Lune. Vierne was another blind organist who served as Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

A tradition at each Organ Historical Society event is the singing of a hymn by the entire audience. Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in an old Catholic favorite, Praise to the Lord, accompanied by Franck's.

Following this, the rousing Toccata in F by Johann Sebastian Bach will be heard. Joining Franck in the second half of the concert will be Roberta Janelle of Bellingham, Mass. She is a mezzo-soprano who will sing Urlicht from Gustav Mahler's Resurrection Symphony in a transcription for organ arranged by Franck.

The closing work on the program will be Julius Reubke's Sonata on the 94th Psalm, perhaps

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The concert occurring on Wednesday makes the splendid Casavant instrument literally the centerpiece of the convention. Built in 1938 by the prestigious Canadian firm based in Ste. Hyacinthe, P.Q., it is the largest church pipe organ in the state of Maine. With four keyboards for the hands and one for the feet, the organ has 63 stops or groupings of pipes ranging in size from 32 feet tall to some no larger than a pencil. Of the approximately 4,853 pipes contained behind the gallery case, one can find sounds imitative of orchestral instruments such as the flute, trumpet, oboe, clarinet, french horn, trombone, and violin. There is even a set of 25 bells connected to one division. For a means of expression between loud and soft tones, some groups of pipes are placed in a box with one side formed like louvers or slats of a window shade that open or close to control the egress of sound.

The program that Franck will present includes music to challenge both the player and the instrument. Although selected mostly from the Romantic era, the composers to be heard come from three different countries and styles, namely, France, England, and Germany. Opening the concert will be Suite Breve by Jean Langlais, the late blind organist from Paris. Following this, a short Prelude in E-flat by the Belgian composer Florent Schmitt will be heard. The only contemporary and English piece of music on the program comes next, by Herbert Howells with his Master Tallis's Testament. Concluding the French

the most challenging work ever written for the organ. It displays such a great contrast of emotion and the widest possible range of the tonal spectrum. The subject matter of that psalm is the wrath and justice of God against the wickedness of mankind. According to Franck, "this piece is the organist's 'macho' type of music. It is certainly virile and masculine in concept, requiring great energy and drive from the performer."

Brian Franck graduated from Sherwood School of Music in Chicago and went on to receive the Master of Music degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. He is currently a candidate of the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He currently teaches music in grades kindergarten through six at St. Peter's and Holy Cross Schools in Lewiston. He has started a boys and girls choir program in the Lewiston/Auburn area. In addition, Franck serves on the music faculty of the University of Southern Maine as instructor of organ. His playing has been heard on Maine Stage MPBN's radio program and NPR's Pipedreams.

Admission to the concert will be \$6 for general and \$4 for students and senior citizens. All proceeds go to benefit the childrens choir program at St. Peter's and Holy Cross Schools. The concert is being sponsored in part by Mechanic Savings Bank, Ramada Convention Center and Sun-Journal/Sunday. For more information 782-5241.

# Lapointe resigns from House

By LINDA GALWAY 7-25-91  
Sun-Journal Staff Writer

AUBURN — A three-term state legislator from Auburn has submitted her resignation from the House of Representatives.

Rep. Jo Anne D. Lapointe, a Democrat representing District 61, which includes parts of each of the city's five wards, cited her husband's continuing health problems as the reason for her inability to serve out the remainder of her term.

Lapointe, whose resignation is effective July 31, would have come up for re-election again in 1992.

"The hours (at the Legislature) have been so long, I just can't do both," she said Wednesday afternoon. "I was trying, but I couldn't do both well. The decision hung over me, but I had to choose my marriage over the Legislature."

Rep. James R. Handy, D-Lewiston, who served with Lapointe on the

Joint Standing Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans, said she worked diligently on the retirement issue.

"Teachers who have taught in other than public schools can now buy into the retirement system," he explained. "This is particularly useful to people in our area because of the number of parochial schools."

Handy said Lapointe labored over the decision to resign.

"First, if she should resign, and later, when, but given her husband's health, compounded with the legislative session we've just been through, everything culminated in her having to make this choice."

Lapointe, first elected to the state Legislature in 1986, also has served on the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources and the subcommittee of the Audit and Performance Review Committee, which dealt with child abuse issues.

She has also served on the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs and was appointed to the Advisory Committee on Home Health.

During her tenure in the Legislature, she was instrumental in launching the Lewiston-Auburn Day in Augusta, in conjunction with the Lewiston-Auburn Chamber of Commerce, allowing businesses to tout their achievements at the state capital.

Lapointe said she deeply regrets leaving the Legislature "for it is an honor and a privilege to serve the people in this capacity."

David Costello, a research assistant at the Secretary of State's office, said the governor will officially announce a vacancy when he is notified of Lapointe's resignation.

The local Democratic and Republican committees will then caucus to choose candidates for a special election at a time and place ordered by



Rep. Jo Anne Lapointe

the governor.

Costello said he expected that would coincide with the upcoming municipal election in November "to save the state money."



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pared and sent to the House and Senate.

Pending that report, additional legislation will be passed authorizing the expenditure of federal funds on a 50 percent matching basis with state, local, and private contributions. Seventy-five thousand dollars was appropriated for start-up costs in fiscal 1991 out of a 10-year authorization for \$250,000.

Geraldine Chasse, mainstay of the Madawaska Historical Society, and Roger Paradis, history professor at the University of Maine at Fort Kent, are among the state's Acadians who expressed pleasure with Congress's action.

In phone calls last week, Chasse and Paradis described the history of Acadian settlement in the American colonies, particularly the St. John River valley.

Descendants of a people from central and southwestern France, they came to the Canadian maritimes during the 17th century looking for a better life.

The fortunes of these settlers waxed and waned with the relative

positions of France and Britain in the 17th and 18th centuries, according to Chasse. In the 1750s, Acadians were forced out of their settlements for refusing to swear allegiance to the British king.

The displaced Acadians had difficulty finding a place that would let them settle, according to Chasse. A significant number settled in Louisiana and are the ancestors of the present-day Cajuns. Another group eventually settled in the St. John River valley.

"For 60 years they answered to no one," said Chasse, noting that their "self-determined, do-it-yourself, make-the-best-of-it" characters enabled them to preserve their agricultural, peasant culture — at least for a time.

With communication systems shrinking the world, however, the culture became a casualty of commercialism, according to Paradis. "When a lifestyle changes like that, you have to look for it in museums, like Sturbridge Village," said Paradis.

For years the Acadians have preserved their culture unaided. Now they're looking forward to some government help, Chasse added.



